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Subscriptions Pour In



Over 2,000 subscriptions have poured in for Career News before the magazine is ever printed, and the number is rising every day. Career News is the new publication by the Education Commission for young people between the ages of 18 and

19 in their search for a worthy career. Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission, and Gladys Bryant, editor of Career News and assistant to Dr. Cornett examine the growing number of subscriptions.

Late BULLETINS From Around The World

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States Supreme Court has been asked to rule on the legality of property tax exemption of non-profit private and parochial schools in California.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska—Construction here of the proposed \$5,000,000 Alaska Methodist College, originally scheduled to begin early next year, will not get under way until 1958, it was announced by Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland, Ore.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Members of Disciples of Christ churches gave \$5,500,000 to missionary causes during the past fiscal year—nearly double the amount they gave in 1950.

HORTON, Kan.—Arthur and Helen Denson observed Treasure Day for the seventh consecutive year at their drugstore here, giving the entire receipts from the day's business—along with an equal sum from their personal savings—to support church and missionary work.

SAN FRANCISCO—An Alaska taxpayer has carried to the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals here his suit to halt the use of public funds for the transportation of children to parochial schools in the territory.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Church construction totalled \$66,000,000 in July, matching the all-time record for that month, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported.

HONG KONG—Three of the six remaining American missionaries in Communist China—two Roman Catholics and one Lutheran—have been released from the prison in which they had been held and are now living in a house on Shanghai's Kao Yu Road, according to the Catholic Center here.

First Association To Meet Aug. 30

The first association to meet will be DeSoto County and the date will be Aug. 30. The last to meet will be Lowndes County, Oct. 30-31.

In between the remaining 73 will hold their annual meetings. Only a scattering few meet in September with the largest number to meet during the three week period Oct. 8-26.

Suggested reports from denominational agencies have been mailed to all associational clerks.

A complete listing of the dates and places of the meetings appears on an inside page in this issue of the Baptist Record.

You may want to clip it for reference.

Hudgins Reports For Committee On SBC Education

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor First Church, Jackson, and chairman of the important Southern Baptist Convention Committee on theological, religious and missionary education, reports on the work of the committee as follows:

The education and training of preachers and church workers is big business for Southern Baptists. Besides the amounts spent by the various State Conventions in their Academies, Junior Colleges, and Colleges, Southern Baptists, through the Co-operative Program, will have spent, by 1958, more than twenty-eight million dollars through their five Seminaries in ministerial education.

From 1945 through 1956 (the latter year covering only funds allocated for Capital Needs) Convention records reflect that \$12,202,803.00 has been provided for operation and instruction; and \$16,410,250.00 has been made possible for Capital Needs, e. g., grounds, buildings, and equipment. The grand total is \$28,613,053.00.

Two new Seminaries were established in 1951: Golden Gate, at Berkeley, California; and Southeastern, at Wake Forest, North Carolina. Approximately 4 1/2 million dollars has been allocated.

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Baptist Leader In Charge Against Hill-Burton Law

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, said here that the Hill-Burton Federal Aid to Hospitals Act has been "discriminatory among religious groups."

He said grants of Federal aid to Roman Catholic hospitals during the 10 years that the act has been on the statute books total \$112,039,000 while grants to Protestant institutions total only \$23,118,000 and to Jewish hospitals only \$3,899,000.

Baptist groups have received only \$2,000,000 of the Protestant total, he said.

In all, grants under the act have amounted to \$781,421,000, he said, of which \$367,412,000 went to public hospitals and \$414,009,000 to private non-profit hospitals. Two-thirds of the grants to private hospitals were to institutions without religious affiliation.

"Obviously, Baptists and other Protestant groups have retrained from requesting public funds for denominational hospital work," Dr. Carlson declared in his report.

"The Baptist adult population is not far below the Roman Catholic adult population. Hence, the difference in philosophy," he said.

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Board Meet To Begin State Fall Activities

First Rural Air-Conditioned Church



Why Do I Tithe?

by
Judge John W. McCall, Memphis

I married in 1911. My bride was a devout believer in the Bible and a faithful tither. I was a Christian in word, but certainly not a faithful steward. My bride began telling me that if a man would tithe his income, God would never fail him.

At the time of our marriage, my wife had, among other things, \$1,000 in bank stock. From the very first our bank account has been in our joint names and she has always been welcome to draw on it at her pleasure.

One day soon after our marriage, I received our bank statement and found that my wife had written a check to a Woman's Missionary Union offering for the sum of \$500. That amount literally erased our cash reserve. At the same time I learned that the bank in which my wife had her \$1,000 capital stock had gone into bankruptcy.

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The first reported open country Baptist church in the state to install air-conditioning is the Salem church of Covington County.

Shown above is a photo of the entirely new \$75,000 plant which is modern in every respect, and includes kitchen and recreation hall as well. Rev. Robert Ledbetter is pastor.

Open house was held on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12 with nearly 1,000 people going thru the building.

The church, with a total membership of 448, is one of the larger open country churches in the state and has progressed steadily during the years.

The budget in 1954 was \$499 while the budget for 1956 is over \$13,000.

Members of the building committee are Floyd McGee, the Rev. Mr. Ledbetter, Mrs. C. C. Rogers, committee treasurer, and Ralph H. Herrin, chairman building committee, Howard

missions for the associational year 1954-55, with \$3224.42 of it going through the Cooperative Program.

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Full Schedule Of Events To Be Held

The annual business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, to be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson, Sept. 10-11, will mark the beginning of a full slate of state Baptist activities.

The full Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 2 p. m. Monday and adjourn around noon Tuesday.

The Convention Board is composed of 75 men, one from each of the associations in the state. Scheduled to preside will be Dr. W. P. Davis, of Flora, vice-president, in the place of Dr. W. C. Fields, former president who became editor of the Baptist Record.

The Board will attend to the business so delegated to it by the State Convention and adopt recommendations to be presented to the Convention when it meets in November.

The executive committee of the Board will meet at 10 a. m. on Monday.

The audit, budget and allocations committee will meet Aug. 27-28 for the purpose of preparing the various budgets to be suggested to the Board.

Various other Board committees, including the pastoral aid and church building aid, will meet prior to the Board meeting.

A full fall schedule of Baptist activities, missions and events will follow the Board meeting.

Sept. 17-18 will witness the W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions. Sept. 23-30 will be Sunday School preparation week in the churches.

The W.M.U. officers Clinic will be held Oct. 2-5 at Camp Garaway, Sunday, Oct. 14 will be Layman's Day.

Three regional Training Union Leadership workshops are scheduled as follows: Hattiesburg, First Oct. 23; North Greenwood, Oct. 25 and Tupelo, Calvary, Oct. 26.

Oct. 28-Nov. 4 will be World Missions Week. A series of district W.M.U. meetings will be held Oct. 29-Nov. 9.

Sunday, Oct. 28 will be State Mission Day in the Sunday schools of the state.

Nov. 4-10 will be R. A. Focus Week. The week of Nov. 5 will witness a series of regional clinics on choir directing. Three

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Two Witnesses, Former Baptists To Be Discharged

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (RNS)—The Air Force has ordered discharged two members of its women's corps who refused to salute the flag on grounds it violates their religious beliefs.

The two FAWs were recent converts to the Jehovah Witnesses sect. After their conversion they announced that they could no longer salute the flag or their superior officers.

Court-martial charges were brought against the two women, but the charges were later dropped and Maj. Gen. Roy H. Lynn, commander of the Western Air Defense Force, ordered "administrative" discharges for them.

The two WAFs are Airman 2/c Nora P. Clark, 21, of La Moore, Calif., and Airman 3/c Mary L. Perez, 23, of Loreouville, La. They were stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base near here.

A spokesman for Gen. Lynn said the court-martial charges were withdrawn because the two WAFs had good records since entering the service. Miss Clark enlisted in 1954 and Miss Perez in 1955. Both registered as Baptists at the time of enlistment. Gen. Lynn said the Air Force does not accept members of the Jehovah's Witnesses for enlistment.

National Council Plans Study Of Methods In Clergy Selection

NEW YORK (RNS)—The nation's major Protestant denominations and theological seminaries will cooperate in a unique three-year research study to find better methods for selecting and training future clergymen.

Announcement of the project to be conducted at a cost of about \$85,000, was made here jointly by officials of the National Council of Churches and the Educational Testing Service.

The latter agency is an independent testing and research organization with headquarters in Princeton, N. J. The study will be conducted by Educational Testing Service under the direction of a 30-

man advisory committee comprising representatives of participating schools, church officials and technical experts. Funds for the project have been given by Lilly Endowment Inc. of Indianapolis.

Officials of the National Council and the testing service said the study is expected to develop a composite picture of the personality qualities congregations seek in a minister.

Findings, they said, will be based on interviews with clergymen, denominational executives and church members, and upon the evaluation of data on performances by theological students and ministers working in a variety of parish situations.

They indicated the study, which will review the present testing and counseling methods of more than 80 seminaries, may also lead to the development of a new series of pay.

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL TO TEACH MORAL AND SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (RNS)—A state education department official announced here that a guidebook for the teaching of moral and spiritual principles will be used in Florida public schools on a test basis during the coming academic year.

Dr. Sam Moor, director of instruction field services for the department, said he thought an interdenominational committee that prepared the guidebook had worked out "acceptable procedures" for such instruction.

State Supt. of Schools Thos. D. Bailey made headlines some months ago with the announcement that he was considering some form of religious instruction in the schools. His statement elicited a number of comments that such a move would violate the constitutional principle of separation of Church and State.

Noting these suggestions, Dr. Moor said the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the statements of leading Americans throughout our country's history showed

that "this nation was founded on spiritual and moral values that have their origin in a belief in God."

"It is necessary to discuss those values in teaching the concepts of democracy," he said, "and it amounts to a dis-

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MISSION FIGURES NEXT WEEK

The record of the mission contributions of all churches for the first three-quarters of this convention year will appear in next week's issue of the Baptist Record.

Junior Concert Climaxes Music Assembly



A concert by the 145 Juniors present last Friday night (photo above) climaxed the three weeks of music emphasis at Kiltwake Baptist Assembly. The program was sponsored

by the Music Department of the State Convention Board, W. C. Morgan, Secretary.

The first week was for intermediates, the second for young people and adults, and the final

photo. A full attendance featured each week. The highlight of each week was a mass chorus similar to the one in the above

Fred Moseley Is New Associate In Louisiana Office

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)—Fred Moseley, pastor, First Baptist church of Bogalusa, La., has been elected associate executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Moseley will be in charge of promotion and missions, a post held by Robert L. Lee before

executive secretary last May.

A native of Gloster, Miss., Moseley graduated from Mississippi College and received his doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

He has been a member of the executive board of the Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana Baptist Conventions.

Moseley will assume office Sept. 1.

Arizona Baptists Acquire Building

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Arizona has bought the Doctors' Building here and will move its offices into the building soon.

The \$95,000 sale price included \$20,000 for down payment, according to W. Barry Garrett, interim executive secretary of the Arizona convention.

Present leases to doctors and medical laboratories will retire the debt and maintain the building. The convention will occupy vacant space on the second floor. The building also will be remodeled.

The Baptist Book Store will continue to be housed in the present Baptist Building. The convention is considering selling or leasing the Baptist Building but no disposition has been made yet.

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TEXANS IN PRAYER FOR NEEDED RAIN

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS)—Texans of all faiths in the Dallas-Fort Worth area are offering special prayers for rain to relieve an unusually severe drought.

Rainfall in the area for 1956 has totalled only 12.45 inches or slightly over half the amount recorded in normal times.

Florida ---

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tion of history to omit them from the course of study.
The school official added that the department had no intention of "requiring" the indicated instruction which would be voluntary and on a local basis "with definite precautions against letting teachers go into the differences in faiths and beliefs."

The subject previously has been "so taboo" in the school system that many teachers who would have liked to do something toward improving moral behavior have been afraid to do anything, he said.

Rules laid down in the guidebook include:

1. No teacher shall use the classroom as a means of proselytizing students for any particular religion.

2. The atmosphere of the classroom shall be such that no student feels rejected because of his beliefs or disbeliefs.

3. If a student asks questions which require theological interpretation, the teacher shall refer the pupil to a minister, priest, rabbi or some other religious leader acceptable to the parents.

4. Teachers shall deal with moral and spiritual subjects as they arise as an integral part of classroom instruction and experience and shall avoid giving any sectarian slant to the instruction.

Hudgins ---

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located to each institution. During the same period of time an entirely new campus has been built at New Orleans, while new buildings of various kinds have been added to the facilities at Louisville and Ft. Worth.

Allocations

The total allocations are as follows: Louisville: Operations, \$3,068,475.00; Capital Needs, \$3,512,776.00; Total, \$6,581,251.00; Fort Worth: Operations, \$3,370,420.00; Capital Needs, \$3,253,151.00; Total, \$6,623,571.00; New Orleans: Operations, \$3,167,918.00; Capital Needs, \$3,602,732.00; Total, \$6,770,650.00; Wake Forest (Southeastern): Operations,

\$1,386,870.00; Capital Needs, \$3,009,425.00; Total, \$4,396,295.00; Berkeley (Golden Gate): Operations, \$1,208,120.00; Capital Needs, \$3,032,166.00; Total, \$4,240,286.00.

In Kansas City, at the 1956 Convention, the Committee on Theological Education was instructed to recommend to the Convention a location for the establishment of a sixth seminary. A number of locations have been urged upon the Committee, and some sites have been visited. Other conferences yet have to be held and other possibilities have to be investigated. Many factors have to be taken into consideration and much work has to be done in connection with each proposed location. The Committee intends as rapidly as the duties of its members permit, to reach some conclusion by the time the Convention meets in Chicago.

A glance at the figures above will reveal that another tremendous task faces Southern Baptists as our Seminary Training for preachers and church workers enlarges.

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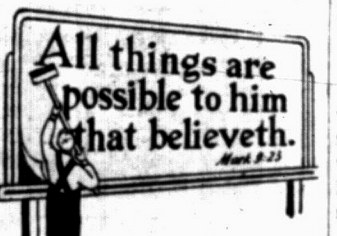
sophy shows up in the amount of funds granted."

He emphasized that there is no charge of "discrimination in the administration of the act," but that "principles involved are such as to produce an obvious discrimination."

Dr. Carlson pointed out that the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the six Baptist groups that support the work of the Joint Committee on Public Affairs, has urged through its executive committee that a study be made of the possibility of amending the Hill-Burton Act to provide that grants be made only to non-sectarian institutions.

"No one has contested America's need for more hospitals and health facilities," Dr. Carlson declared. "If sectarian institutions were limited to the securing of approved loans bearing interest equal to that of government bonds, there would be no allocation of tax funds to these institutions and Protestant groups would feel free to move ahead toward meeting the nation's acute needs equitably with the Roman Catholics."

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600 Decisions Made in Grenada Co. Revival



For the first time in history, all eleven churches of the Grenada County Association sponsored a County-wide revival, August 2-19. With more than 1200 people by actual count assembling in the John Rundle High school stadium last Sunday night for the concluding service, Dr. Bill Piper, evangelist of Greenville, South Carolina, preached to the largest religious gathering ever assembled in Grenada County.

During the 18 days more than 13,500 people were in attendance, with almost 600 total decisions for Christ being recorded, including 82 professions of faith and six young people for full time Christian service.

The 100-vote campaign choir was under the spirited leadership of Ralph McGilvra of Battle Creek, Michigan. Piper and McGilvra were in First Church Grenada in April of last year in what Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor, describes as the greatest single church revival he has ever seen.

The eleven sponsoring churches had heading the steering committee Rev. Harry Kellogg of the Emmanuel Church and George Criss, layman of First Church. Sixteen different committees of more than a hundred laymen and eleven pastors carried out the many details in the revival effort.

Jimmy Landrum Is Injured In Fall

Jimmy Landrum, aged 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Landrum, Grenada, is in Baptist Hospital in Jackson as a result of a 20-foot fall from a tree house on Wednesday last week.

He broke his left leg, left arm and fractured his skull. Examinations have revealed no evidence of serious internal injuries.

Dr. Landrum said that while his condition was serious the chances were good for his ultimate complete recovery.

Concord Church To Have Revival

Dr. Bruce Campbell, of Mississippi College, will be the evangelist for a revival to be held at Concord Church, Choctaw County, August 26-31.

The pastor, Rev. Curtis Guess, will be ordained at a service at 2 p. m. Aug. 26 with Dr. Campbell bringing the message.

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Jordan, Harlon Stubbs, Olin Spell and Winston Speed. The church was organized in June 1874. The first pastor was Richard Webster, and others were W. E. Sheppard, the Rev. Mr. Manning, T. S. Powell, T. E. H. Robinson, T. D. Bush, J. P. Williams, J. T. Dale, J. L. Wilson, Jack Cranford, Sr., H. K. Ezell, R. Houston Smith, W. L. Day, J. Reese Rogers, and H. D. Jordan.

The church has had six building programs, including the present one, just completed.

During recent years, Salem church, through its Sunday School, Training Union, W.M.U., Brotherhood and all auxiliaries, has sought to minister to all the spiritual and social needs of its people and has often won recognition for its outstanding program as a rural church.

30 Schools ---

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Choctaw Male Collegiate Institute, Macon; Coldwater Baptist Female Seminary, Chulahoma; East Mississippi College, Garlandsville.

East Mississippi Female College, Aberdeen; Gillburg Collegiate Institute, Gillburg; Jackson Female College, Jackson; Judson Baptist Institute; Lea Female College.

Mary Washington Female College, Pontotoc; Mississippi Baptist Female College, Hernando; Mississippi Heights Male Academy; Middleton Literary and Theological Institute, Middleton; Macon Female Seminary, Macon.

Meridian Female College, Meridian; Okolona Female College, Okolona; Shuqualak Female College, Shuqualak; Semple-Broadus College, Centre Hill; Starkville Female Institute, Starkville.

Troy Normal School, Troy; Utica Female Institute, Utica; Warren Female Institute, Oxford; Winona Female College, Winona; Yalobusha Baptist Female Institute, Grenada.

Again and again I have been tempted to give up the struggle, but always the figure of that strange man hanging upon the cross sends me back to my task again.—George Tyrrell

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The religion of Jesus needs examples more than advocates.

QUARLES' QUOTES

From The Office Of The Executive Secretary-Treasurer



BOOKS: Every preacher must buy books. They are his tools. If a workman has poor tools he cannot do a superior job. A minister's pulpit work and much of his counselling is dependent upon the kind of books that he has in his library and reads. In Dr. Truett's biography we are told that his church provided an amount of money each month from the budget to purchase books and periodicals. The church was making a wise investment in their pastor.

There are books and then there are books. Some are worthy and some have negligible value. Every young pastor should secure from college professors, seminary professors and older ministers, the titles of the classic books in the various areas of study. Then, through the years he can purchase the books that he will use all his life. There is a great difference between possessing a large number of books and having a working library. There is also a difference in having a library and using it.

FOREIGN STUDENTS: A call is given again for some foreign students in our state attending our Baptist colleges. We pray that there will be some Mississippi Baptists who will join the efforts to aid financially these worthy Baptists from other lands.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES: Our churches are in the process of securing leadership for all of our work for the coming year. A friend from another state who is serving on such a committee is astounded with the ease and glibness that some church members can turn down opportunities of service. We trust that all Mississippi Baptists will pray and seek God's will when the decisions are faced. The need for effective workers is tremendous and continuous.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF: Recently our Relief and Annuity Board sent to those ministers and widows who receive relief checks renewal application blanks. These are so many who apply that it frankly was hoped that some had reached the place where the relief money would not be needed and could be passed on to others. Of course, the help will not be taken from anyone now receiving it who still needs it.

These renewal applications with accompanying letters are coming to my desk for approval and to be sent on to the Dallas office for final disposition. To read those letters and study the applications is a heart-rending experience. We have a large number of men and women who have served Mississippi Baptist churches for many years who now are in real need and must have assistance. Somehow it isn't fair!

Some of these had no opportunity to get into one of the retirement plans of Southern Baptists. That is not the case now. Every minister can get in. How important it is for all to join. Don't put it off any longer. Brother, send for an application blank today.

Catholics Put In Largest Requests Hill-Burton Funds

WASHINGTON — (BP) — Roman Catholic Church hospitals have asked for more than three times as much government aid under the Hill-Burton Act as have other hospitals operated by religious groups.

So declares C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington. The Committee is supported by six Baptist conventions in the United States.

Catholics have secured \$112,039,000 through June 30, 1956, he reports. Other religious groups have secured about \$30 million for their hospitals (including \$2 million by Baptists), he adds.

"Obviously," he concludes, "Baptists and other groups have refrained from requesting public funds for denominational hospital work."

"The Baptist adult population is not far below the Roman Catholic adult population; hence the differences in philosophy show up in the difference of funds granted. There has been no charge of discrimination in the administration of the Act, but the principles involved are such as to produce an obvious discrimination," according to Carlson.

He mentions action by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which asked Congress to substitute loans for grants to denominational hospitals.

sons, Joseph McDonald III, age 3, and Bernie Herschel, age 2. The Ernests live at 602 South 21st Avenue, Hattiesburg.

The 40-year-old professor has been active in the work of the Baptist denomination for years.

Dr. Ernest is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa at Mississippi Southern; member and former sponsor of Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society, and was president elect of the Mississippi Southern Chapter of the American Association of Christian Educators. He served as vice-president of the chapter last year and secretary the year before.

He is the author of several articles on American literature, the latest of which appeared in the national publication, American Literature, in the May issue this year.

Clark Ordained



Tommy Clark

Parkway Church, Jackson, ordained Tommy Clark to the full gospel ministry on Sunday, August 19, following a request by the Pearson church of which he is Associate Pastor. He is a student at Mississippi College and before joining the staff of Pearson Church was active in all phases of youth life in his church.

The examining presidency were Rev. Fred Tarpley, Rev. Henry Crouch, Rev. Malcolm Jones, Rev. Bill Causey, and Dr. G. Norman Price. Those assisting in the ordination service were Dr. Kenneth Pepper, Rev. S. B. Harrington, Rev. Bill Young and Rev. Robert Duke.

Protestant Minister To Help Ike Write Speeches This Fall

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) A Protestant minister will help write President Eisenhower's speeches during the fall campaign.

The Rev. Frederic Fox of Williamstown, Mass., has taken a position on the White House staff as assistant to Dr. Kevin McCann, the President's special aide. Dr. McCann helps the President in drafting his speeches and executive proclamations and Mr. Fox will assist in this work.

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

**WORLD MISSIONS YEAR CALLS US TO PRAYER,
STUDY, SELF-EXAMINATION, AND RESPONSE**

By Baker James Cauthen
October marks the beginning of World Missions Year through-out the Southern Baptist Convention. This emphasis, extending through 1957, has deep meaning in all phases of our life.

For one thing, it confronts us with our Lord's clear command. The basic reason for world missions is our Saviour's Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of every nation. Obedience to Christ's mandate tests the genuineness of our faith and the sincerity of our love. There is no substitute for obedience.

World Missions Year brings before us the whole world. Every advance in the world task must be made knowing that many urgent needs at home are still not met. We must share all we have that all the world may hear.

Compassion depends upon information. Many are not concerned about world missions because they do not know the needs in lands where millions have little or no opportunity to hear of Christ.

When a genuinely redeemed heart learns of tragic spiritual and physical need and recognizes the clear command of Jesus to minister to that need action will result.

World Missions Year is based upon the conviction that Baptists genuinely love Christ and are prepared to do his will. The purpose of this year is to set so clearly before all churches the needs of a sin-sick world and the expectations of our Lord that a new forward surge will result.

World Missions Year will also show us that we have one task for the whole world. The objective of Christian witness whether in one's own community or in the Orient, Africa, Europe, the Near East, or Latin America—is clearly defined in the Great Commission.

This means that just as preachers of the gospel are needed in the community where we live they are needed in every community regardless of nation or area. This means that worldwide facilities are needed for growing churches, training Christian workers, ministering in love and mercy to human suffering, and sharing with all men the vision of life's possibilities under the lordship of Christ.

This year will cause us to measure our resources. First consideration of this tremendous world task makes us say of our resources, "What are they among so many?" The Lord of the harvest is able to take what we have if we really obey his will and with it bless multitudes just as he fed the five thousand with the lad's lunch.

When we examine our resources we find them larger than we think. There are vast possibilities for greater service as God's people are led to share what they have that others may know of Christ.

We will discover that more of what we now give can be shared with the rest of the world. Every dollar shared brings blessing to the giver and to the church of which he is a part far beyond the monetary value of the gift made.

The true measure of our stewardship is not the number of dollars given but the proportion of our ability it represents. It is at this point that real advance can be made. Baptists are devoting more dollars than ever before to telling the story of Jesus beyond our country; but the percentage of our total giving, which these dollars represent, has changed only slightly in 20 years.

This year of special mission emphasis stimulates strategic planning. When a task is far in excess of resources it is imperative that we follow the wisest strategy to be found under the leadership of God's Spirit.

Always at the Foreign Mission Board we face needs far beyond our resources. Every dollar and every missionary of our Board could be utilized in any one of the three main areas of world missions.

When we are called upon always to use what we have to its strategic value.

We are living in a rapidly changing world. With the development of world-wide air transportation strategies in the world mission task are possible which formerly were nonexistent. We have come to the time

when the world task can be brought to the individual church and the individual church can participate in the world task as never before.

One of the main values in World Missions Year lies in the opportunity for each church of self-examination and appraisal of its own work. It is often quite shocking to a church, to realize that in its entire history it has never given rise to a missionary to proclaim the gospel in other lands.

Jesus clearly taught that we should pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers unto his harvest. One of the most fervent desires of any church should be that out of its own missionaries should be called forth to tell the story of Christ throughout the world.

During World Missions Year each church will have occasion to think not only of what Southern Baptists as a whole are doing about world missions but what each individual church is doing. Personal surrender to go as a missionary does not await general action on the part of a church or a convention. The individual himself responds to what he believes Christ says in his own heart.

Each individual church needs to measure its own loyalty to the Great Commission rather than wait what any other might do in obeying the Lord's command.

During World Missions Year each church should study its own history from the standpoint of missionary giving, sending forth laborers into the harvest, and intercessory prayer for world missions. It should be a time of revitalized mission study, dynamic preaching, and earnest prayer for the whole world task.

World Mission Year should rise to its maximum in dedication of life in response to the call of Christ. Southern Baptists will rise to their destiny only as life is laid upon the altar. The dedication of all other resources will follow life dedication. Nothing we have to give compares with the surrender of life itself.

Throughout World Missions Year young people in the churches, colleges, and seminaries will be examining carefully what Christ is expecting of their lives in view of the needs of the lost world. Many pastors, educational directors, and other Christian workers already established in places of responsibility will be re-examining the question as to whether Christ will have them go as missionaries before they pass the age limit when appointment would be impossible.

The Southern Baptist Convention has never projected a more significant year than the one we are now entering. We must, however, beware of expecting its results to come automatically. It is a time for renewed prayer, study of the Word of God, earnest investigation of the needs of the world, and response to the impressions God's Spirit puts in our hearts. We look to this year with high expectation.

Northside Church Begins Boy Choir

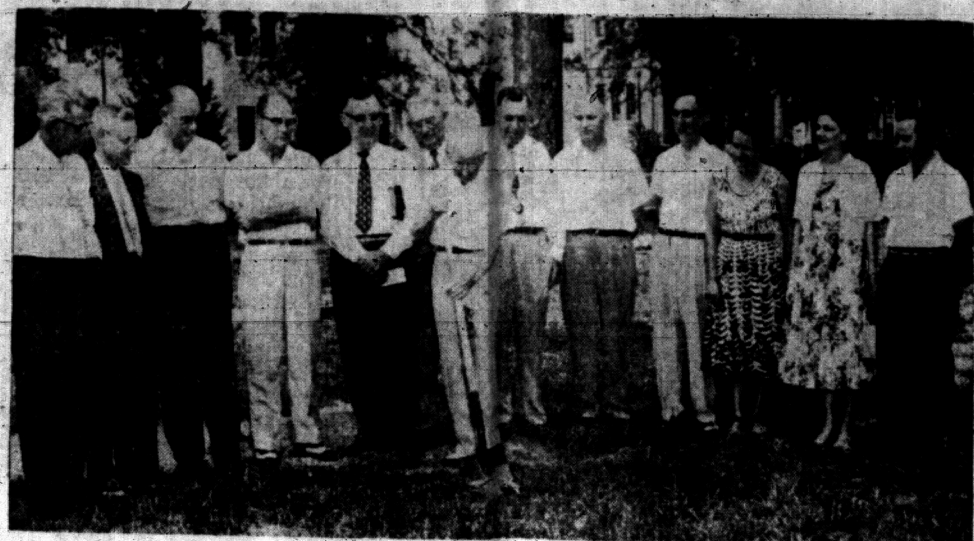
William E. Jarvis, Minister of Music at Northside Church, of Jackson, announces that Northside Church will sponsor its first Boy Choir.

Mr. Jarvis is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University School of Music and a recent Master of Sacred Music graduate from Southwestern Seminary.

Northside is the first of the state's city Baptist churches to begin this type of specific musical training for boys age nine through the changing voice. Training for this group will include voice, music fundamentals, sight reading and ear training. Membership is open to all boys in the city that are interested.

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The doctrine of the cross is not a formula for the mind, but a principle of life.

First, Aberdeen, Launches Building Program



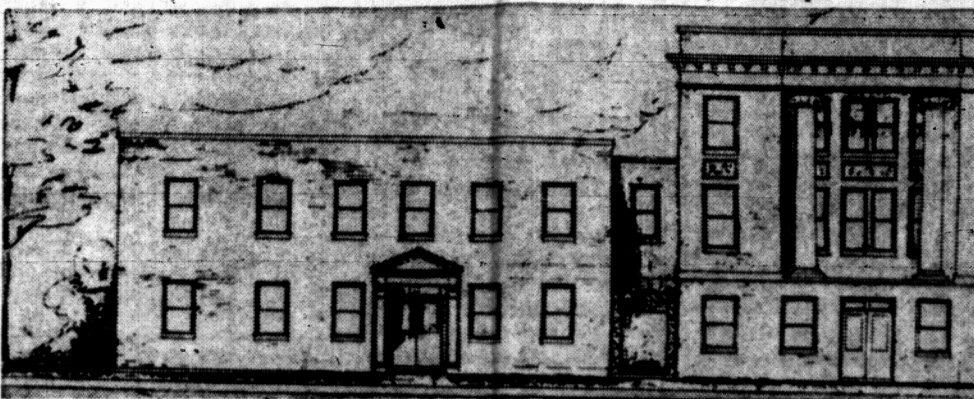
The First Church, Aberdeen, launched its building program with formal ground-breaking ceremonies Sunday, August 5.

W. G. Peugh, Chairman of the Trustees, oldest Deacon in point of service, and for over fifty

years a member of the First Church turns the first spadeful of ground.

Looking on, from left to right, are Lee Watson, Contractor; W. B. Pearson, Columbus, Architect; I. C. Herrington, Frank Leftwich, A. A. Roebuck,

L. G. Smith, B. L. Martin, Harold Wilson, all deacons; Walter Bright, Chairman, Building Committee; Mrs. C. W. Montgomery, Training Union Director; Mrs. P. D. Pride, Vice-President, W. M. S.; and Paul Rankin, S. S. Supt.



The new educational annex (above) will be a two-story structure which will provide a

Nursery Dept., a Junior Dept., and additional space for general utilization. It will be erected

at a cost of \$70,000. Rev. Frank H. Thomas is pastor.

Beginning in October the Sunday School Board will issue

four new Sunday school publications. All of these are in line with the plan of making special provision in the Sunday school for Young People and Adults according to a closer grading program than formerly. The Adult Teacher and The Young People's Teacher will replace The Teacher. Sunday School Young Adults is intended for use by persons between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five or forty. Sunday School Married Young People is designed to meet the special needs of young husbands and wives below the age of twenty-five. All publications for Young People and Adults will continue to use the Uniform Lessons.

Elected To Faculty At N. O. Seminary



Dr. Helon B. Harwell, who has held religious education positions in Arizona, Arkansas, and Texas Baptist churches, has been elected to the faculty of the School of Religious Education at New Orleans Seminary. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, seminary president, announces.

Dr. Harwell will begin her teaching duties in September as assistant professor of elementary religious education.

A graduate of Center High School, Center, Tex., she holds the BS degree from Stephen F. Austin State College, Nacogdoches, Tex., and the MRE and DRE degrees from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Dr. Harwell is married to John E. Harwell, formerly of Bogalusa, La. Mr. Harwell will teach in the public school system of Orleans Parish this fall.

—BR—
All that was taught by the Passover is realized in the Lord's Supper and the death

of Christ commemorates. Deliverance from bondage, safety behind the sprinkled blood, fellowship around the life-giver—all these the simple feast sets forth and confirms. Jesus is the host, we are his welcomed guests, and there is never any lack of provision at His table. —The Expositor

Beulah (Holmes) Calls New Pastor



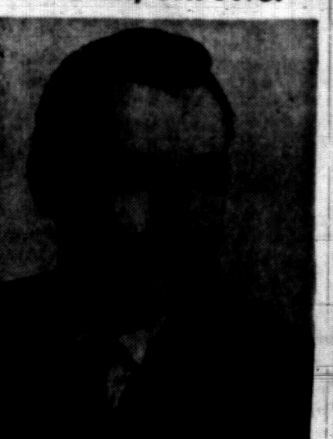
Rev. Gordon W. Hoskins has accepted the pastorate of Beulah Church in Holmes County.

Mr. Hoskins has been pastor of the Spring Hill Church in Simpson County, the Antioch Church in Holmes County, and the Bethel Church in Lawrence County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is doing graduate work there now.

Rev. and Mrs. Hoskins have three children: Barbara, 16; Patricia, 14; and Winston, 10. They are originally from Memphis.

A revival is being held this week at Beulah with Rev. Volle Scott, pastor of the Pine Bluff Church in Copiah County, as the evangelist.

Accepts Position At Meridian, 8th Ave.



Rev. L. N. Keeton, Jr. of Meridian has accepted the position as Minister of Religious Education at the Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Mr. Keeton is a graduate of Meridian High School, and Mississippi College. He attended the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. and following the resignation of Rev. E. F. Graesser, served as interim pastor at Eighth Avenue until Rev. Marcus Smith assumed the pastorate on Aug.

Special Stamp To Feature The Bible

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—For the second time in its history, the United States will picture the Bible on a postage stamp.

The Bible is part of the design of a special commemorative stamp honoring American labor that will be issued on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3, at Camden, N. J.

Design for the stamp was taken from a mural in the new AFL-CIO headquarters building here. The giant mosaic mural, 51 feet high and 17 feet wide, is by artist Lumen M. Winter, and depicts a worker with pick, hammer and hoe over his shoulder, with an arm about his wife. She is seated and is reading to their young son from what the artist describes as "The Book of Life."

Byram Memorial Announces Revival



Revival Services will be held at Byram Memorial Church (formerly Old Byram Church) the week of August 26. Services will be held nightly at 7:30, with Rev. Thomas M. Hall, pastor of New Hope Church, Columbia, bringing the messages.

A special Young People's service will be held each night at 7:00 with the pastor, Rev. C. W. Clark, in charge. Levi P. Mullican, music director of the church, will be in charge of the music.

Rev. Lonzo Woods, Educational Director, will be in charge of the prayer meetings held nightly at 7:00.

—BR—
My church represents Christ's best gift to me. I have united with it in solemn covenant that

dance, prayer, service, sacrifice, zeal, giving, patience, and love. To be loyal to Christ I must be loyal to His Church.

—BR—
In the holy quiet of this hour, let us draw nigh unto Him who heareth prayer; and let us remember that he listeneth more to our hearts than to our words.

Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

ROBERTA TAYLOR and JANE THORNTON, Secretaries

Royal Ambassador Camp Results

One of the best seasons of Royal Ambassador Camps is over. We believe that the camps this year totaled the largest registration in the history of our camps. There were 844 who came from 189 churches throughout the state. 671 of these from 136 churches attended during the five weeks at Kittiwake.

There was a total of 127 definite decisions as follows: 52 saved; 39 surrendered to special service, whatever God wanted them to do; 10 to be missionaries; 2 to be preachers; and 24 rededicated their lives to the Lord.

We are grateful to the Lord for all these decisions, for it was the working of the Holy Spirit in the camps that made them possible.

There are many thousands of boys that need to be reached. We pray for the day when our program can be enlarged. As men of the Brotherhood become more acquainted with the new responsibility, the opportunity of helping the boys will become greater. Now is the time to begin planning for camp next year. Keep camp before the boys. A boy is as interested in camp as you lead him to be. Boys will attend camp to the extent that adults promote it and encourage them. Our job is to talk up camp, provide for camp, give transportation to

and from camp and build a desire about camp.

We offer our sincere thanks for all the workers who helped in the camps. Without them the camps would not have been possible. Pray for more and bigger camps next year.

Prepare for Election

This quarter is the time when Brotherhood officers for the new year beginning October 1 will be selected and church approved. Some churches will have a general church nominating committee, which will, after talking with Brotherhood men, bring their recommendations to the church. Where there is no such committee, the church Brotherhood president and the pastor, conferring together should select a nominating committee from among Brotherhood members and have them report with recommendations not later than the middle of September. New officers normally are installed and take over around October 1.

Annual Associational Letter

Brother President—let me again urge you to be sure to see that Section "E" is filled in on your church letter. This church letter, of course, is your annual report to the Association. If your Brotherhood is not reported in that letter, then our South-wide Statistician has no way of knowing about your Brotherhood. That is the record we go by. Please, please see that this is done.

In Italy, a whole village, dissatisfied with the action of the Roman Catholic Church, has asked for and is now receiving the Gospel. A Baptist Church has been organized, and scores of people are asking for baptism. It seems that the membership of Baptist Churches in Italy has nearly doubled in the past ten years. This year's report shows 56 churches, 48 outstations and only 48 pastors. The total membership is shown as 4,159 as compared to that of 2,779 in 1947. The Baptist population including "sympathizers" is about 12,000.

W. Corinth Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. David Lathrem became pastor of West Corinth Church in Alcorn County on July 22.

He and his wife are both natives of Kentucky and all his former pastorates have been in Kentucky. They have two daughters Carol, age 6, and Patricia Ann, age 5.

Mr. Lathrem received his B. A. degree at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. and his B. D. degree at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

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Wearing a cross cannot take the place of bearing a cross.

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EDITORIALS

A Look Into The Future

Most churches, agencies, and institutions are now in the midst of plans for the fall and winter and the activities of next year.

Some few, far-seeing leaders will be planning for several years ahead. With programs that need to be enlarged buildings that need to be built, and long term improvements in our Kingdom service as a whole, more and more leaders will be thinking two, five, ten, even twenty-five years ahead.

These are the wisest heads, these men and women who occasionally lift their eyes from the dust of the present and orient themselves with a long look down the road toward the future. For them we have a reminder: August, 1956 is almost obsolete already! Plan for 1966 in terms of 1966, not in terms of 1956. Plan for 1975 in terms of 1975. Life flows on and soon 1956 will seem terribly remote.

The time will quickly be upon us when Mr. John Q. Citizen will begin the day in his solar-powered house with a breakfast cooked by electronic waves. He will bid the wife goodbye and step into the family helicopter (only slightly different from the helicopters owned by his neighbors) and whizz away over the rooftops. At the local airport he will board a jet passenger plane for a business trip that will whisk him to his destination at 1,000 mph.

After his business conference in a city a thousand or so miles away from home he can call his wife on the telephone (combination television and telephone) to notify her that he will be home for supper.

Back at home Mrs. John Q. Citizen suddenly remembers she is out of John's favorite supper of black-eyed peas, so she jumps in the family's atom-powered automobile (lifetime supply of power) and runs down to the Colossal-Market (super-markets have been long outdated.) With the press of a button her order is delivered to the automobile automatically and she is on her way home to get John's supper tout de suite and a la carte.

The era for such domestic convenience is not too far away from us. A lethargy in human attitudes leads us to assume sub-consciously that all things will remain substantially as they are now. The fact of the matter is that they will not. In ten years just about everything about us will change considerably, except possibly the black-eyed peas. Twenty-five years from now there will likely be a change even in the black-eyed peas.

Economists are predicting that we will not go through a major depression any time soon. A few minor recessions maybe, but no debacle like the 1930's. Reason: continuing expansion of the nation's economy in new industries, new services, and new consumer needs. In the midst of such possibilities, churches and all religious institutions can plan a little more confidently.

The population will increase, which seems to surprise some folks. Already at the 168,000,000 mark the country's people will number over 200,000,000 in the early 1970's. Towns and cities over the nation will increase as a consequence. Rural population trends are not quite so clear. Regardless of where they are located these vast multitudes of people will need a church home. The churches that reach them will be the churches that plan and provide for them.

Projections of the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report indicate an increase of 30 percent in per capita income by 1965. Higher pay will be accompanied by a shorter work-week for many people. Labor leaders are pushing for a 37 hour work-week by 1960 and a four day work-week by 1975. Having more leisure time, the working man of the coming decade can be a more valuable man to his church, if it will gear its program to meet the changing situation.

The year 1975 will probably bring more neuroses, more divorces, more threats of local wars and less danger of a world holocaust, more women at work and more unmarried women, a slight rise in world temperature and a considerable decrease in the death rate, still greater means of communication and a consequent concern for social conformity and public morals, plus a lot of other fantastic developments which none of us now have the wit to foresee.

In the past century membership in religious bodies in the United States has risen from 16 to 60.3 per cent of the population. Over the last twenty years church membership has increased about 60 per cent while the population increased only 30 per cent.

Organized religious bodies in this country now report a membership of 97,482,711. This is an increase of 2.8 per cent in one year. During the same period the population increased only 1.7 per cent.

Work in the churches generally has good momentum. In the past few years Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists have had unprecedented growth. That has come from planning ahead, working hard, and seeking the Lord's leadership at every turn of the road.

Progress in our churches can be just as rapid during the next two, ten, or twenty years. It will not come without planning and planning comes with a look into the future.

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A New Motto For The U. S. A.

For the first time in its history our nation has an official motto: "In God We Trust."

Its approval by the House, the Senate and the President in the closing days of the recent congress indicates that there is still some consciousness of spiritual values in the high offices of the land.

Commenting on the passage of the bill making the motto official, Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney said, "It will be of great spiritual and psychological value to our country to have a clearly designated national motto of inspirational quality in plain, popular, accepted English."

The phrase "In God We Trust" is not new on the American scene. It is in the national anthem in a slightly different form: "And this be our motto—'In God Be Our Trust!'"

One of the 3-cent stamp issues and an 8-cent stamp used for international mail have already used these four words that now are written into the law of the nation.

The Latin phrase, "e pluribus unum" (one from many), has long been considered an unofficial motto. It has appeared on coins and official documents for many years. Because few people know what the Latin phrase means, it is not a motto.

Superficiality seems to be no respecter of political parties. Both Democratic and Republican camps have been caught red-handed at saying one thing and doing another. In national conventions, on the floor of the House or the Senate, it is easy to mouth high-sounding phrases and catchy little shibboleths. Only time will tell the real value of this legislative act.

The new official motto of the U. S. A. was easily passed in Congress. Citizens in all 48 states will doubtless share our hope that it indicates a new ideal, a genuine sense of spiritual responsibility on the part of the American people.



The Baptist Forum

IT'S TIME TO GET EMBARRASSED

Every so often I get good and embarrassed. How 'bout you? No doubt you've got some beauties of what could be called life's most embarrassing moments. Here's the little news item which is the cause of my new concern.

"Washington's high society will have to forget its thirst during the visit of Indian Prime Minister Nehru. Nehru drinks only soft drinks of fruit juices. Nothing else will be served in his presence during all official entertaining for him here. Local cocktail-circuit free-lancers learned long ago that the Indian Embassy under the present ambassador, Gaganvihari Menta, serves nothing but fruit juices at any time."

Couple that little story with a wirephoto of our ambassador to Italy greeting our Secretary of State with a bottle of champagne as he steps from a plane in Rome. Put the story alongside the statistics that Washington, D. C., has the highest per capita liquor consumption of any city in the United States. See the episode in the light of numerous news stories of the number of toasts drunk in vodka, or some other form of liquor. No wonder so much of our foreign policy is muddled. You can't have clear thinking when your mind is in an alcoholic fog.

The pamphlet QUOTE commented on Mr. Nehru's visit with this bit of doggerel verse: "Our diplomats are able men. A well-trained corps of smarties. They have their protocol down pat. And though they're always good, they're at their best at cocktail parties."

Sort of a devastating comment, eh? You know, Doc, here we sit before the world posing as a Christian nation, and it takes a non-Christian nation and a non-Christian statesman to jolt us into shame. Isn't it a rather sad commentary that two of the non-Christian peoples of the world prohibit alcohol, the Moslems and the Hindus, and lift their prohibitions only when "Christian Westerners" show up and have to have their little nip.

Some other time I want to talk with you about the matter of how unless we Christians can offer something better religiously and socially the people of the world than they already have, they aren't going to be too interested in what we have to offer. This alcoholism is a question in point.

Embarrassedly yours, G. Avery Lee.

CHILDREN OF BIBLE DAYS, written by Florence Gray and illustrated by Scott, is published by the Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee and sells for 65 cents. The well-written stories of Bible characters and the colorful, attractive pictures make this a fascinating book for children. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Pages From The Past

J. L. Boyd Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

Pastor T. J. Barksdale of Smithdale, Miss., reports a good "protracted meeting" with the Tangipahoa Church, Pike County, twelve accessions, ten of them for baptism. Rev. Elisha Gardner, doing the preaching.

Pastor W. S. Allen, tells of a fine revival at the Hermanville Church, Claiborne County, during which 13 were added to the church, ten for baptism, the pastor doing the preaching.

The D'Lo Church, Simpson County, received 57 new members into its membership, 43 of them by baptism, during a week's revival, in which Pastor C. E. Welch was assisted by Rev. J. H. Lane.

Ministerial Student S. G. Pope of Mississippi College did the preaching in the protracted meeting of the Jerusalem Church, Amite County. Visible results: "... the settling of the trouble which so completely threatened the peace and prosperity of the church and the receiving of two girls for baptism." Pastor Joseph Jacobs, reporting.

40 YEARS AGO

The Mt. Pisgah Church, Carroll County, added to its membership 51 new members, 45 of them by baptism, during a revival meeting in which Pastor W. W. Muirhead was assisted by Rev. Geo. F. Barton of Winona.

The Moak's Creek Church, Lincoln County, received 4 for baptism in their annual revival meeting in which Pastor W. R. Johnson was assisted by Rev. Jesse L. Boyd of Gloster.

Pastor Dan W. Moulder was assisted in the Beulah Church revival, Smith Co. by Rev. J. C. Pafker, during which 20 joined the church, 17 for baptism.

25 YEARS AGO

The preaching in the Taylorsville Baptist Church revival meeting was done by Pastor W. L. Compere, during which there were 28 additions, 15 of them by baptism.

Pastor M. F. Jones reports a great revival meeting with the Georgetown Church in which Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Maxwell were instrumental in leading the forces in an ingathering of 40 additions to the church, 25 being for baptism.

"America is the greatest mission field in the world. If I were going to be a missionary, I would invest my life in the homeland. Take New York City, for example. Of its population of 11,000,000, ninety-eight per cent are non-Christians."

On any given Sunday, only 2% of New York's millions may be found in any Protestant church. All of the New York Presbyterian churches together reported the unbelievably low figure of only 52 additions for last year. Someone told me recently he believed there were more Christians in Hong Kong than in New York.—Billy Graham.

17TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

Insurrection By Religious Fanatics Costs England Freedom Of Worship

LONDON, February, 1661.—(BP)—The declaration of religious toleration which won for King Charles II the British crown has been rendered null and void less than a year after the monarch ascended the throne.

The return of rigid controls which have throttled freedom of worship in England was hastened by the recent attempted insurrection by Thomas Venner and his Fifth Monarchists, a small band of religious fanatics.

Declaring that they were "establishing the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth," the insurrectionists marched on London last month. They inflicted a four-day reign of terror before they were quelled and the few survivors imprisoned.

Venner was hanged in front of the meeting house of the Fifth Monarchists January 19 and nine other survivors of the fiasco were hanged in other parts of the city. The Fifth Monarchists are believed to have been wiped out, but retaliations against other liberal religious groups for the insurrection have only begun.

Fearing that the band of fifty or more who marched on London last month are only part of a strong subversive movement and that other uprisings may be forthcoming, the Duke

of York has persuaded the king not to disband the army under General George Monck. The army is being used to put down any further disturbances.

Restrictions were at first clamped down on "all unlawful and seditious meetings and conventicles," but their order has since been expanded to forbid "all Anabaptists, Quakers, and Fifth Monarchists from meeting or assembling together under the pretense of worshipping God except in churches or chapels or in their own homes."

Baptists and Quakers were included in the order because they are suspected of either participating in or sympathizing with Venner's rebellion. Many prominent Baptists are among the four hundred. Protestants arrested and committed to Newgate prison following the uprising. Mobs have pillaged many Protestant churches and meeting places.

There is genuine alarm on the part of many Baptist leaders, who at once protest their innocence in the rebellion and deplore the stringent measures restricting religious freedom. Government officials on the other hand insist that the bold and daring violence of the Fifth Monarchists could not have been the work of an unaided small group.

Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Clifton J. Allen

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For August 26.

STRENGTH THROUGH TRIAL

Bible Texts: Matthew 4:1-11; James 1.

I. WHAT IS TEMPTATION?

A temptation is a solicitation by an evil personality to the doing of a thing which may, in itself, seem to be right but, when, tried by the principles of divine righteousness, is seen to be wrong.

For example: Two men, one an experienced boatman, the other not, are in a boat out on a large body of water when there comes a squall. The boatman sees tragic danger where his friend sees none, and the boatman believes that the boat has no chance to reach shore with two men aboard, but a good chance where it carries but one man, and he a man of experience with boats in times of storm. The boatman reasons that it is better to save one life than to lose two, so faces the temptation to push his ignorant friend overboard. But there stands the canon of the Almighty: "Thou shalt not kill." Thou shalt commit no murder. The devil has solicited the boatman with a temptation to commit murder.

I quote at length from great old Professor A. M. Fairbairn, able theologian and author of The Philosophy of the Christian Religion: "Temptation is seduction to evil, solicitation to wrong. It stands distinguished from trial thus: trial tests, seeks to discover the man's moral qualities or character; but temptation persuades to evil, delects, that it may ruin. The one means to deceive, the other to deceive. The one aims at the man's good, making him conscious of his true moral self; but the other at his evil, leading him more or less unconsciously into sin. God tries; Satan tempts."

"Abraham was tried when his faith was proved; Job when successive calamities made it manifest that he served God for nothing save the duty of the service and the glory of the service; but Eve was tempted when persuaded to sin by the promise of becoming a god. A man may be tempted through the senses, the imagination, or the reason. If through the senses, then it appeals to greed, to appetite, lust or any one of the passions that beastialize man. If through the imagination, then it appeals to his fancy, to his emotions, to his reason, then it comes as doubt of the true, suspicion of the good, or in any of the many forms in which intellect protests against the limits it so wishes and is yet so little able to transcend."

II. OUR LORD'S ILLUSTRATIVE TEMPTATIONS

Matthew 4:1-4.

When our Lord had fasted forty days, Satan came to him with a sensuous temptation. "Command that these stones become bread." If you are what the voice at your baptism said you were, you certainly should not be compelled to go hungry. Exercise your authority as the Son of God and quiet the pangs of hunger. Our Lord knew that He was fasting in obedience to the Father's will and under the direction of the Father's Spirit, and that it would be wrong to disobey.

The second temptation was addressed to the imagination. Perform a miracle, dazzle the people by casting yourself from the high point of the temple into the valley below, and thus you will win the loyalty of the people by one daring work of wonder. And when this did not work, Satan came with a temptation to reason.

The Old Testament declares that when the Christ came, He should have dominion over all the earth, and that, of His kingdom, there should be no end. "Win this kingdom by a single stroke of wise diplomacy. The kingdom you wish is subject to me. Take it from me, do homage to me, and take it as my gift."

Satan would have closed with the offer at once; but Jesus knew how the kingdom was to be won, and that this was not the way.

III. THE CHRISTIAN USE OF TEMPTATION

James 1.

Count it a source of joy when you are put to the test in many ways. By means of these tests, your faith in the Lord is strengthened and your patience is exercised unto greater strength.

Now, that is just another way of saying that great, strong Christians are always those who have come through many dangers, trials, and cares. The proving of your faith through the trials of it grows, under the Spirit of the Lord, a heart of patience under tribulation from without and innate evil within. So through trials, manifold testings, the Christian attains unto the perfection which means a mature man as distinguished from an immature babe.

But what of the believer who, through lack of knowledge of the word and work and walk of a devoted follower of the Lord, is failing? If any such realize that he lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, and God will give the wisdom required and will not only upbraid the asker, but will give him abundantly of that which he needs for the best Christian living.

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Any man who is too busy to pray is busier than God ever intended he should be.

—Baptist Recorder

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

DEDICATING BABIES

QUESTION: Why do some Baptist preachers permit and sometimes invite parents to bring their babies to the altar to dedicate their lives to the Lord? It is the most ridiculous thing that has come out of this modern age of ours, and I think it should be blacklisted. It is certainly not in the Bible.

ANSWER: You are right. It is not in the Bible, not as a church ordinance. The nearest thing to it in the New Testament is Mark 10:16 where it tells that parents brought their children to the Master that he might touch them. "And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

But the church is not Christ. And preachers are not his representatives except as all Christians are. And there is no such thing as an altar in a New Testament Church. Besides, I doubt that one person, parents or any other persons, have the right to dedicate another person to God. This is the right of an individual himself. But some pastors feel that a public service helps to encourage parents to dedicate themselves to God. And the Lord knows that this is needed.

Personally, I do not believe in the public dedication of children. To me this is a private matter. If the pastor wants to pray with parents in the home as they dedicate themselves to bringing the child up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," this would seem to me to be much more appropriate. Why make a parade of dedication.

But, my sister, you should be more careful of your language. "Ridiculous" is a fighting word. Remember your Christian humility.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo.)

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

August 27 — New class of student nurses, Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Sunday School Assembly, Kittiwake.

August 28 — Rev. David Benning, BSU Director, Pearl River Junior College; Russell Gray, Benton Association Training Union Director.

August 29 — Mrs. M. R. Megginson, Union Association Music Director; Ben S. Johnson, William Carey College faculty.

August 30 — Mrs. C. E. Graves, Franklin Association WMU Supt.; Miss Frances Skulley, Mississippi College faculty. August 31 — Rev. Roy Self, Yazoo Association Missionary; W. R. Roberts, Baptist Building.

September 1 — Rev. John Cook, Baptist Record Advisory Committee; Dr. Ira D. Eavenson, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage. September 2 — Barney Whitfield, Trustee, William Carey College; Earl Cockrell, Trustee, Clarke College.

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The ballot is the symbol of citizenship as the flag is the symbol of the country; and like the flag it is worth no more than we make it worth.—A. R. W. Jg.

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Spencer To Preach In West Ellisville Revival Meeting

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer is to be the evangelist at West Ellisville in a revival August 26-September 2.

Services will be held daily at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Dedication services were held August 19 for the new auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 531. The church is six years old.

Dr. Spencer is a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, where he received his Doctor's Degree in Theology. He has served churches in Mississippi, Illinois and Texas. For seven years he was pastor of the First Church of Brownwood, Texas before coming to his present position as Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for the State Convention Board.

Rev. A. T. Walker is pastor of the church.

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AUGUST 30—DeSoto at Hernando.

SEPTEMBER 3—Benton at New Hope (night)

- 4—Lafayette at Philadelphia Church
- Benton at New Hope (morning and afternoon)
- Grenada at Emmanuel (morning and afternoon)
- 5—Lafayette at Harmony Church
- 12—Marshall at Holly Springs (night)
- 13—Panola at First Church, Batesville (7:30)
- Marshall at Clear Creek (morning-afternoon)
- 14—Panola at Pope Church (day)
- 17—Calhoun at Calhoun City First (morning-night)
- 18—Tippah at Ripley (night)
- Calhoun at Slate Springs (Bethany)
- Jasper at Antioch (7:30 p. m.)
- 19—Jasper at Antioch Church (9:30 a. m.)
- Tippah at Ripley (morning-afternoon)
- Zion at Mantee (morning-afternoon)
- 20—Zion at Eupora (morning-afternoon)
- Alcorn at West Corinth
- 21—Alcorn at Rienzi

October—

- 1—Prentiss at East Booneville (night)
- 2—Prentiss at East Booneville (morning-afternoon)
- 4—Okibbeha at Maben (morning-afternoon)
- 5—Okibbeha at New Hope (morning-afternoon)
- 5-6—Neshoba at Hope Church
- 8—Clarke at Stonewall Church (night)
- Sharkey-Issaquena at Mayersville (7:00)
- 9—Clarke at Stonewall (day)
- Tishomingo at Tishomingo Church (morning-afternoon-night)
- Sharkey-Issaquena at Cary Church (7:00)
- Clay at Pine Bluff (morning-afternoon-9:30am)
- 10—Tishomingo at Ebenezer (10:00 a. m.)
- 11—George at Barton Church—Rte 3, Lucedale
- Mississippi at Liberty (night)
- Pearl River at Pine Grove (west of Picayune)
- Yalobusha at Oakland Church
- Monroe at First Church, Aberdeen (9:00a.m.)
- Lauderdale at Bethany (7:30 p. m.)
- Sunflower at Drew (7:45 p. m.)
- 12—George at Barton, Rte. 3, Lucedale
- Mississippi at Mt. Olive (day)
- Pearl River at Pine Grove (west of Picayune)
- Tallahatchie at Phillip
- Lauderdale at Bethany (9:00 a. m.)
- Sunflower at Inverness (10:00a. m.-1:30 p.m.)
- 15—Jackson at Hurley Church, (night)
- Leflore at Riverside Church (Money, at night)
- Newton at Midway (night-7:30 p.m.)
- Gulf Coast at Grace Memorial (night)
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- Gulf Coast at Grace Memorial (night)
- Jones at Sandersville (night)
- Walhall at New Zion (night)
- Humphreys at Calvary (night-7:30)
- Smith at Good Water (night, 7:30) (Hi-way 35 Raleigh and Forest)
- Lamar at Richburg Church (night)
- Washington at Second Church, Leland
- Hinds at Northside, Jackson (night)
- 16—Choctaw at Moriah
- Jackson at Hurley Church, Hurley
- Leflore at Phillipston (night)
- Gulf Coast at Grace Memorial (night)
- Newton at Mt. Pleasant (9:30 a.m.)
- Jones at Sandersville (day and night)
- Walhall at New Zion (day and night)
- Humphreys at Gooden Lake (night, 7:30)
- Union County at New Prospect (morning and afternoon)
- Smith at Good Water (9:00 a. m.-1:00 p.m.)
- Lamar at Richburg Baptist Church (day)
- Washington at Hollandale Church, Hollandale
- Lebanon at Immanuel, Hattiesburg (morning and afternoon)
- Bolivar at Immanuel, Cleveland
- Hinds at Forest Hill, Jackson (night)
- Lee at Nettleton (9:00 a.m.)
- 17—Choctaw at Mt. Pisgah Church
- Leflore at North Greenwood (night)
- Gulf Coast at Grace Memorial (night)
- Union County at Neely Memorial, New Albany (night)
- Tate at Wyatt Church (night)
- Washington at Parkview, Greenville
- 18—Attala at Sallis Church (night)
- Holmes at First Church, Lexington
- Chickasaw at Houston Church
- Itawamba at Salem Church (day and night)
- Winston at West End, Louisville (day-night)
- Marion at Calvary, Columbus (night)
- Tate at Wyatt Church (night)
- Riverside at First Church, Lambert (morning and afternoon)
- Pontotoc at Algoma (morning-afternoon)
- Franklin at Sarepta (night)
- Hinds at Robinson Street, Jackson (night)
- 19—Attala at Unity Baptist Church (day)
- Chickasaw at Amity Church
- Winston at Harmony (day and afternoon)
- Marion at Calvary, Columbia (afternoon-morning-night)
- Pontotoc at Pontotoc (morning-afternoon)
- Franklin at Sarepta (morning-afternoon)
- Kemper at West Kemper (9:45 and 1:15)
- 22—Montgomery at Shiloh Church (night)
- Simpson at D'Lo Church (night)
- Madison at Madison Church (night)
- Warren at Northside (night)
- 23—Warren at Grace (night)
- Montgomery at Eskridge Church (day)
- Rankin at Antioch Church
- Simpson at D'Lo Church (day)
- Madison at Center Terrace, Canton (night)
- Lawrence at Arm Baptist Church (9:00-10:00)
- Union at Immanuel
- Noxubee at Deerbrook (night)
- 24—Greene at Avera Baptist Church (night)
- Madison at First Church, Canton (night)
- Carroll at Mt. Olive (night)
- Noxubee at Deerbrook, Brooksville (day)
- Warren at Bowmar Ave. (night)
- 25—Carroll at Vaiden (morning-afternoon)
- Greene at Avera Church (day)
- Copiah at Shady Grove (7:30 p. m.)
- Leake at Center Hill (Conway, morning-night)
- Wayne at Calvary, Waynesboro (night)
- Pike at Bluff Springs, Rte. 4, Magnolia
- Perry at Richton Church (7:00 p. m.)
- Yazoo at Tinsley (7:30 p. m.)
- Covington at Calhoun (night)
- 26—Jeff Davis at Bassfield (9:00 a. m.)
- Lincoln at Pleasant Grove (afternoon-night)
- Copiah at Georgetown (9:30 a. m.)
- Leake at Pleasant Hill (morning-afternoon)
- Wayne at Big Creek, Rte. 3, Waynesboro (morning and afternoon)

Children's Page

TIMMY MAKES A WISH

By Anne W. McWilliams

"Starlight, star bright
First star I see tonight,
Wish I may, Wish I might
Get the wish I wish tonight."

Timmy stood in the window in his pajamas as he made his wish.

"What would you wish?" asked Daddy as he came into the room.

"Oh, I would wish to go to the field with you tomorrow! I want to help you put the hay in the wagon. I want to help you drive the mules. I wish I were grown up. Then I could go with you! I want to help. May I go, please, Daddy?"

"No, I'm afraid not. Come, Timmy, it's time for bed. I'll tell you a story before you go to sleep. Ready?"

"One morning Tommy's father called him, 'Get up, Tommy. We're going to haul hay today.'"

"Tommy jumped out of bed. His mother helped him dress quickly. He hurriedly ate his breakfast and ran outside to go with his father. Soon they were in the field.

"Swish, swish went the sweet-smelling hay as Daddy pitched it onto the wagon with his big hayfork.

"Clip, clop. Clip, clop, went the mules' hoofs as they pulled the wagon along.

"Tommy ran by the side of the wagon. 'Look, Daddy, a butterfly! A pretty yellow butterfly!' He ran to catch the butterfly, but tripped over a rock and fell. Blood streamed from the cut place on his knee. Daddy sat him in the wagon until he had finished the load. Then they started toward the barn to unload the hay.

"Bang! Rattle! Clippety clop! Clippety, cloppety, clippety, clop! The mules were running as fast as they could go! A rabbit had jumped out of its hole and scared them!

"'Whoa! Whoa!' shouted Daddy. But the mules ran faster, faster!

"'Bumpety, bump!' Tommy felt himself sliding; 'Crash!' He hit the ground in the middle of a big pile of hay!

"Tommy's Daddy finally stopped the mules and came back

Let's Have A Party!

You won't find "August Complaint" in the medical books, but every mother of a school-age youngster knows the symptoms: boredom with vacation and an impatience for the first day of school.

The ringing of the school bell is the only real cure, but "August Complaint" can be relieved. One suggestion is a back-to-school party, a reunion of your children's classmates. These parties will give youngsters a chance to renew old friendships and are ideal for helping newcomers over the hurdles of strange-

ness. Back-to-school parties will be particularly fun for younger children who can't go visiting friends on their own during the summer. They can be helpful for the kindergarten or first grade group that will just be getting started in school.

"August Complaint" parties needn't be elaborate, but do plan for each age group the kinds of things they like to do. Smaller children, particularly girls, will enjoy making something—pictures or paper cutouts to decorate their classrooms. Older children will enjoy an afternoon of games.

For the kindergarten-first grade group, the Orange-Crush Party bureau suggests a morning party and a simple lunch. For the seven-to-ten group, a late afternoon affair with an early dinner. Older children like to think of themselves as nearly grown-up and like early evening parties.

Refreshments need not be fancy. The Party Bureau recommends the kind of meal kids love—hamburgers or hot dogs, potato chips, baked beans and ice cream. And have lots of cool soft drinks to serve all through the party.

for him. Tommy was ready to rest when he got back home.

"That's all the story. Good night, Timmy."

"Wait, Daddy. I think I'd rather stay home with Mother tomorrow after all. I can help her with Baby Bill. And help her dry the dishes."

"Yes, and soon you will be a big boy. Big enough to go to the field and help me."

Canton Revivalist



Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, Jr., pastor of First Church, Greenville, S. C., will be the evangelist for the revival to be held at First Church, Canton, Sept. 2-7.

Leading the music will be Dr. W. Hines Sims, secretary, Department of Church Music, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor, has announced evening services will be held Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 with the Friday evening service at 7.

Week-day morning services will be held at 7 a. m. beginning Tuesday.

Dr. Nelson is the son of Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College. The Greenville church is South Carolina's fourth largest with a membership of 2841.

Dr. Sims is well-known in Mississippi, having appeared several times on the program of the state Music Festival. He is recognized as one of the outstanding music leaders in the convention.

THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

- Perry at Richton Church (9:00)
- Yazoo at Tinsley (morning-afternoon)
- Pike at Bluff Springs (9:00 a. m.-1:10p.m.)
- Covington at Calhoun (morning-afternoon)
- 28—Scott at Sardas Church (night)
- 29—Scott at Ludlow (day)
- Scott at Forest (night)
- Lowndes at First Church, Columbus (night)
- Lowndes at Mt. Vernon (morning-afternoon)

JAPAN BAPTIST CONVENTION PLANS CHURCH EXPANSION

Nation-wide church expansion keynoted the 10th annual session of the Japan Baptist Convention which met July 31-August 2 at the Amagi Baptist Assembly on the Izu Peninsula.

The 250 delegates from 135 churches and chapels over Japan voted for evangelistic expansion into 10 more key cities. During the past year Japanese Baptists have projected work in new areas of Hakodate, Akita, and Tokyo and opened work in these cities: Matsue, Niigata, Gifu, Tokushima, and Tottori. Additional cities to be entered in 1957 include Koshiro, Fukushima, Utsunomiya, Kawasaki, Amagasaki, and Wakayama.

The convention's evangelism department plans to project new work in four more cities in 1958: Obihiro, Yamagata, Yokosuka, and Hamamatsu.

Membership of churches in the Japan Baptist Convention approached 10,000 at midyear, according to a June report indicating 9,719 members in 65 organized churches and 70 chapels and missions.

Convention leaders also launched a nation-wide stewardship campaign to increase giving and the self-support of churches. Japanese Baptists' present per capita giving is \$9.25. Fifty-five per cent of the 65 organized churches are self-supporting.

SENATE DEFEATS BILL TO BAN LIQUOR ON AIRCRAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A bill which would ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on commercial airliners was defeated in Congress when the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee failed to report the House-approved measure to the floor before adjournment.

The House passed the bill despite objections of the Air Transport Association and the Civil Aeronautics Board, which had contended the legislation was unnecessary as a safety measure.

Religious and temperance groups had urged enactment of the bill at public hearings, as did spokesmen for associations of airline pilots, stewards and stewardesses.

In the last minute concession Stuart G. Tipton, president of the Air Transport Association, announced a voluntary agreement among domestic trunkline air carriers not to serve more

than two alcoholic drinks to a customer and not to advertise the availability of cocktails on flights.

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Baylor Digs Out Files On Old Deed

WACO, Tex.—(BP)—Baylor University officials recently had to turn to century-old school files to help clear title to a piece of property.

The school had sold the 250 acres in 1856 to a man who is now dead. The deed had been lost and was never recorded. The title was clouded because of the missing deed.

Baylor officials contacted Mrs. Lily M. Russell, who's writing a history of the university. She dug out the information from minutes of a trustee meeting in December, 1856.

Days after the school's law school, who drew up the necessary legal papers to clear the title, said it was lucky Baylor was involved in the transaction. He said he believed Baylor and only one other institution in Texas could reach so far back in history for legal information of this sort.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD KEEPS MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST PEOPLE INFORMED.

Baptist constituency. Still another is the growth, in numbers, attendance, and, we believe, in spiritual depth of the statewide and local meetings, emphases and activities of the BSU. And there are yet others.

But because of the almost unlimited potential of BSU in the task of transfusing the polluted bloodstream of this world with the pure plasma of committed Christian leadership, we believe that in our state, as may be true in others, only a good beginning in the Student Work has been made.

We, therefore, repeat with no hesitation, or apology, that we believe Miss. Baptists should be certain to continue to make progress in this important phase of our great denomination's total program, and that to as substantial a degree as is possible.

Many are the needs of college students and of our special ministry to them, the BSU, and all, of course, cannot be supplied immediately, perhaps, but we believe that Miss. Baptists now need to do two specific things for BSU:

1. Employ an Associate to the State BSU Secretary.

2. Increase the salary supplements to the local BSU Directors so that their total salaries will be strengthened.

The first would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of BSU throughout the State by further developing its already many-phased program, and by making it possible to inaugurate work in new and much-needed areas, and the second would encourage those already in the work, and, thus, cause them to do more effective work. It would encourage more well-qualified people to enter the field of Student Work, and it would stabilize and strengthen the work, locally and statewide, by causing more of the Directors to stay in Student Work rather than being almost forced to enter other fields.

It is our hope and prayer that Miss. Baptists will rise to the challenges inherent in BSU as much as possible, now. We believe they, through their representatives, will.

REV. C. M. WILBANKS
Funeral services were held for Rev. C. M. Wilbanks on August 6 at the Harmony Church, Tippah County. There were eighteen preachers present and a congregation estimated at one thousand persons.

Dr. J. S. Riser, who had assisted the deceased in fourteen series of revival services in eight churches, delivered the message.

Mr. Wilbanks had been a minister for more than fifty years, pastoring churches in northeast Mississippi and southern Tennessee.

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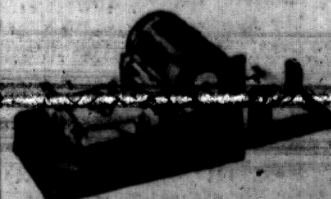
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Names In The News

October 1-16, 1956, marks the official recognition of the completion of a twenty-five year span of ministry by the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Mich. P. J. and B. D. Zondervan, founders and partners of the business, have stated, "We are grateful to God for all the blessing which has, by His grace, emanated from our Grand Rapids publishing headquarters and spread across the world. But we feel that this is merely the foundation. It is our desire to build on this foundation and see more of the ministry spread through the printed page to the English-speaking world."

Jasper County Associational Minutes give on the front page September 19 and 20 as dates of meeting this fall. The correct dates are Tuesday night, September 18, and Wednesday, September 19, according to Mrs. W. J. Shoemaker, Clerk.

Scottish Baptist membership is once again over the 20,000 mark, the first time for ten years. Baptisms this year (1,155) are the highest for 30 years.

Rumanian Baptists report a membership of 70,000, with steadily increasing blessing on their work.

Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Church, McComb, was the evangelist for the recent revival at Montgomery Church in Lincoln County. Earl Freeman of North McComb Church was in charge of the music. There were three additions by baptism. Rev. Guy A. Little is the pastor.

Rev. Terry Hicks, pastor of the Damascus Church in Madison County, reports that there were two professions of faith during the revival held there August 12-18. Rev. David T. Cranford, pastor of First Church Canton, was the evangelist. Ira Bradshaw, member of the church, led the music, assisted by Mr. Pedrin of Madison. On Friday evening, August 18, there was a "covered-dish supper." The pastor further states that there were record-breaking crowds at all services.

The Liberty Church (Lauderdale Association) has just experienced one of the finest revivals it has experienced in years. The visiting evangelist was Rev. Henry Lyon, III, pastor of the Snowdon Church, Montgomery, Alabama. The music for the revival was under the direction of Paul Adams, minister of music, Fifteenth Avenue Church, Meridian. Rev. Jack Mason is pastor.

Thursday night of this week the First Church of Crystal Springs is giving a "Back to School Party" for all its young people.

Rev. C. Bryan, pastor First Church, Hattiesburg, is currently preaching a series of sermons on "Christian Growth" as a result of a survey of the membership.

Dr. Eugene Skelton, pastor First Church, Pascagoula, is assisting Rev. Bill Baria in a revival at the Gautier church.

Rev. Charles Skutt, pastor First Church, Hernando, is preaching for the revival at Staryhorn Church in Tate County this week.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Because of a fall at home in which several ribs were broken, Dr. Chester Swor, of Jackson, has been released from the Baptist Student Retreat program at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M., August 23-29, according to Dr. G. Kearney Keegan, director of the retreat. Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor, Wornall Road Church, Kansas City, Mo., accepted the invitation of Dr. Keegan to take over some of Dr. Swor's assignments at the student retreat.

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Rev. Horace Thomas, pastor of the Fellowship Church in Tippah County, did the preaching for the revival held there August 12-17. Rev. Billy Greene, Independence, led the singing. There were 25 additions to the church and a number of rededications.

Rev. Guy Gray, pastor of the Clear Branch Church in Rankin County, reports that there were 14 additions, with 12 for baptism, during the recent revival there. Rev. Wilson Winstead, pastor of the Antioch Church in Simpson County, did the preaching. Bobby Campbell led the singing.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: S. B. Mason, Jr., Jackson; Rev. B. W. Sherman, Williston, Tenn.; Rev. J. H. Sherman, Brandon; Rev. and Mrs. John F. Measells, Amory; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caperton, Tunica.

Rev. Edward P. Burke, superintendent of Missions of Carroll-Montgomery Association was the evangelist for the revival at North Carrollton. There were seven for baptism, two by letter, 15 rededications and two surrenders to the ministry.

Rev. J. B. Wages and Rev. L. B. Wages, retired preachers, and both living in Lowndes County, celebrated their 77th birthday last Sunday with a family reunion. They are twins.

Rev. Zeno Wells, pastor Douglas Avenue Church, Baton Rouge, and a former Mississippian, was the evangelist for the revival at New Zion Church in Copiah County. Rev. Ray Fullilove is the pastor.

Rev. Clarence Cutrell, pastor First Church in Calhoun City was the evangelist for the revival at Alva Church in Zion Association.

Fifteenth Avenue Church Meridian, sponsored a men and boys' picnic on Tuesday night of this week at Policeman's Lake. The pastor, Rev. Jack Southerland, brought the devotional.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hudson of Hollandale are announcing the recent arrival of a son. They already have one daughter.

Rev. Joe S. Johnson, pastor Spring Hill Church, Oakland, was the evangelist for a revival Aug. 5-12 at Richland Church, Warden, La. The pastor, Rev. Jimmy Hipp, is a former Mississippian. There were 13 for baptism, three by letter, 51 rededications of lives and seven dedications to full-time Christian service.

Rev. C. B. Hamlet, III, Wiltona, and Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton, are in Ridgecrest, N. C., attending joint meetings of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission and the Historical Society.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Jesse Lee Williams, employee of the U. S. Navy Department, Washington, D. C., joined the staff of the Survey, Statistics, and Information Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Aug. 15, as statistical assistant. Williams, a native of Alabama, received his education in Prattville, Ala., and worked as a public accountant there for two years.

Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor of the First Church, Greenville, was the evangelist for the revival held at Salem Church in Covington County August 12-17. There were nine professions of faith, three additions by letter and many rededications. Rev. Robert Ledbetter is the pastor.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Rev. Richard Berry, Goodman; Danie Roberts, Vicksburg; Beverly Ann Marter, Vicksburg; Eugene Skelton, Pascagoula; W. H. Kiglar, Pascagoula; Rev. W. H. Merritt, Taylorsville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB) — Okla., joined the staff of the Advertising Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, August 15, as copywriter.

Elaine To Observe Homecoming Day; To Begin Revival

Pastor R. R. Newman of Elaine Church, Jackson, announces that Homecoming Day will be observed there on Sunday, August 26. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Revival services also begin on that day, with Rev. C. C. Inman, pastor of the Friendship Church, Natchez, as the evangelist. Jimmy Nations will be the song director.

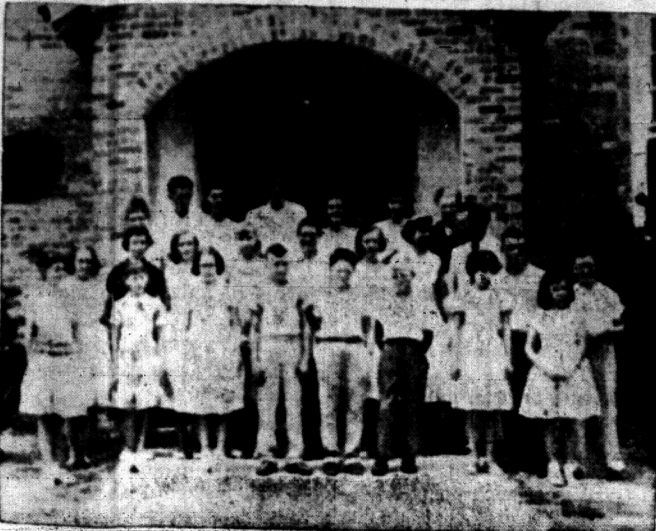
John Wells Conducts Lauderdale Survey

Rev. John Wells, Field Secretary of the Department of Cooperative Missions of the Home Mission Board, is conducting a survey of the Lauderdale Association.

The Survey is planned so as to determine the potential for development of new churches, chapels and branch Sunday Schools; and to evaluate the efficiency of the existing churches during the past five years.

The Survey is sponsored by the Lauderdale Association. Rev. Troy Prince, Superintendent of Missions.

Neshoba Observes Youth Week



Shown above are the Young People who participated in Youth Week at the Neshoba Church July 29-August 5.

Arlin Boler was Youth Week Pastor; Dimple Tidwell, Sunday School Superintendent; Randy Miles, Training Union Director; Betty Ann Boler, W. M. U. President; Gary Rivers, Brotherhood President; Winfred Pilgrim, Music Director; and Earl Clark, Jr., Chairman of Deacons.

Others served as teachers and leaders in Sunday School and Training Union.

Harold Gully, Hinds County BSU Director, brought the message Sunday morning, July 29. Rev. W. E. Palmer is the pastor.

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New Central	Benton	35	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	
Hillcrest	Jones	72	7.47	7.47	
Arlington	Perry	78	7.75		7.75
Ellison Ridge	Winston	78			
Paden	Tishomingo	75	10.00	10.00	
Mt. Pisgah	Rankin	49	15.00		15.00
Fellowship	Union	49	9.26		9.26
Concord	Franklin	86	13.45	13.45	
Harlands Creek	Holmes	62	8.20	8.20	
Enon	Winston	34	9.75		9.75
Wilkinson Mem.	Smith	32	4.17	4.17	
Paul	Tallahatchie	56	11.07	11.07	
Druisers Flat	Calhoun	39	5.51		5.51
Sunrise Zion Hill	Lebanon	108	20.04		20.04
Raleigh	Smith	120	17.00	17.00	
New Jerusalem	Carroll	11	3.00	3.00	
Oil City	Yazoo	58	6.30	6.30	
White Sand	Pearl River	45	5.32	5.32	
Clear Creek	Lafayette	51	15.81	15.81	
Walshall	Zion	66	10.00		10.00
Anchor	Lafayette	38	9.00	9.00	
Good Hope	Perry	96	12.00	12.00	
Mt. Horeb	Covington	73	8.41	8.41	
Lloyd	Calhoun	17	4.70	4.70	
First Columbia	Marion	351	40.00	40.00	
Calvary	Lincoln	88	10.60	10.60	
Woodland	Chickasaw	72	8.91	8.91	
Sarpeta	Calhoun	72	13.36	13.36	
Green River (Mission)	Riverside	26	10.20	10.20	
Clear Creek	Riverside	50	16.55	16.55	
Lookout Mission	Alcorn	27	2.09	2.09	
Goodrum Memorial	Warren	69	10.04	10.04	
Singiton	Winston	21	5.02	5.02	
Hope	New Choctaw	45	3.37	3.37	
Laurel Hill	Neshoba	82	12.31	12.31	
Shady Grove	Zion	57	4.00	4.00	
First, Ripley	Tippah	162			
Oldtown	Calhoun	51	5.85	5.84	
Poplar Creek	Montgomery	68	11.46	11.46	
Cascilla	Tallahatchie	41	4.29	4.29	
Center Grove	Oktober	53	8.30		8.30
Bethsaida	Neshoba	54	3.65		3.65
Issaquena First	Sharkey-Issaquena	116	18.85	18.85	
Broadmoor	Gulf Coast	155	50.22	50.22	
Bear Creek	Attala	48	12.42	12.42	
Neshoba	Neshoba	82	68.60		68.60
Magge	Simpson	202	Not given		

Mississippi Baptists, according to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, during January-July of this year gave \$318,817.62 to the Cooperative Program and \$325,651.64 to designated causes. During the same period of time in 1955 they gave \$345,015.66 to the Cooperative Program and \$266,032.14 to designated causes.

Among the recent visitors to the Baptist Building were: Jas. D. Duck, Clinton; Billy Hester, Billy Presley, and Al Collins, Booneville; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kynard and Teddy Kynard, of Macon; W. A. Davis, Monticello; Jerry Slonaker, Mendenhall; Terry Hicks, Delhi, La.; C. L. Bryant, Vicksburg; Mrs. G. W. Smith, Bassfield.

Rev. Henry J. Bennett, pastor Byram Church, will be the evangelist for the revival at Andrew Chapel Church in Rankin County, August 26-31. The pastor, Rev. Carey Douglas, will lead the music.

The friends of Rev. James Chapman, pastor of Flowood Church, will regret to learn that he was injured in an auto accident several cuts and bruises. He has been released from the hospital.

Alf Rose will present the Gospel in Magic at both services at the Hathon Church in Marion County Sunday, Aug. 26th. Mr. Rose is a well-known layman from Vicksburg. He is a converted Jew, and a magician in his own rights. Rev. Athens McNeil is the pastor.

Bill Walley, a ministerial student at Mississippi College, will bring the messages and Harold Maples, who is president of the Mississippi College Singers, will lead the singing in a Youth-led revival to be held at Trinity Church, Vicksburg, Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Rev. Paul O. Lee is the pastor.

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Attend the Passiontide services and get acquainted, or renew acquaintance, with Him who alone is "the way, the truth, and the life," and without whom "no man cometh unto the Father."

18 Additions to Double Springs Meet

Double Springs Church, Oktibbeha county has just closed one of its greatest revivals.

Rev. G. C. Sansing, pastor of the East End church in Columbus, was the evangelist. There were 18 additions for baptism and one by letter. Rev. W. O. Presson is pastor.

Crestwood Evangelist



Rev. T. E. Williams, pastor, First Church, Hattiesburg, will be the evangelist for the revival to be held at Crestwood Church, Jackson Aug. 27-Sept. 2.

Rev. Robert Martin, pastor, will be the evangelist for the revival to be held at Crestwood Church, Jackson Aug. 27-Sept. 2. Services will be held daily at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The nursery will be open for children under four.

PUZZLE ANSWER

Puzzle No. 4
But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
(Josh. 24:15)

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MISS ALEXINE GIBSON, Associate
MISS PAT HINES, Office Secretary

At this writing, August 10, there are 41 churches and two Missions in Hinds Association. Forty of these 41 churches, and one of the two Missions, have this year reported Sunday school Training awards.

That is by far the best record ever made by the Association in this program. The one church not yet reporting, Learned, is doing some of the work now and plans to get in the report by the first of September.

We are most grateful to all who have helped in such a fine way to produce this very excellent record. Missionary Tom Chaney, Superintendent Carl Kossanke and Training Superintendent Curtis Beard have all done outstanding work. Of course, we are expecting to report 100% this year in this phase of the work.

Kittiwake Next Week

Please Don't Miss It
Next week is Sunday school time down on the beautiful Gulf Coast at Kittiwake Baptist Assembly.

The program begins with supper on Monday, August 27, and closes with the noon meal on Friday, August 31.

An excellent program awaits all who are there. It is all designed to help us build bigger and better Sunday schools. It is a program of information, inspiration, fellowship, rest, recreation, and general helpfulness to all. It is not too late yet to make plans to attend. The cost for the full time is only \$15.00. So, come along and join in and help us make it an even greater week of good things.

A Glorieta Experience

One of the people just returned from the chartered bus trip to Glorieta for the first Sunday School week has this to say:

The trip has uplifted me physically, mentally and spiritually. The climate at Glorieta is ideal, the accommodations restful and convenient, the food plentiful and good. The trip to and from Glorieta provided opportunity to see beauties and wonders of God's world. I had not seen before. I learned much about what Southern Baptists are doing to tell the story of Jesus to other races among us as we visited some of our Mission stations and the Spanish

Harmony Pastor



Rev. Caley Ray Nichols

Rev. Caley Ray Nichols has accepted the pastorate of the Harmony Church, Crystal Springs. He has in the past served churches in Simpson, Claiborne and Sharkey Counties. Mrs. Nichols is the former Marie Nance of Philadelphia, Miss. The Nichols have two children.

Ground Broken For Kentucky Offices

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — (BP) — Ground-breaking for the new \$400,000 Kentucky Baptist Building east of Louisville on U. S. highway 60 took place recently.

W. C. Boone, general secretary and treasurer of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, was in charge of the ceremony. It is estimated that construction will take ten months.

Thou hast made us for Thyself, and restless are our hearts until they shall have found rest in Thee—Augustine

Publishing House in El Paso. As I listened to the expositions of God's Word and the appeals for urgency in carrying out the command of Jesus, I purposed in my heart to do my very best for Him and never to take out on Him as long as He lets me live. It was a mountain top-experience for me in many ways.

Remember September 30!!!
Standard Expiration Time
September 30 of each year is the close of another church year.

That also means that all Standard units — school, department, and class — for that year expire. They run strictly on the yearly basis. To be Standard for the next year, a unit must submit another application.

So, if you have a Standard unit now, and want it recognized this year, get us the application so we can get it to the Nashville office before September 30. There is time for this but you cannot wait much longer.

Then, after one month of the new year has passed, application may also be made for all units that have for that month met all Standard requirements.

More Standards

SCHOOLS: Prentiss, Rev. L. E. Green, Superintendent, and Mr. J. A. Johnston, Superintendent.

INTERMEDIATE: Jackson, Daniel Memorial, 15 Year Girls, Mrs. James R. Herrington, Teacher.

JUNIOR: Meridian, First, 9 year Girls, Mrs. Ida Rainer, Teacher; 10 year Girls, Mrs. James E. Willoughby, Teacher; 9 Year Boys, Mr. M. R. Allen, Teacher; 10 Year Boys, Mr. Joe Grant, Teacher; and 11 Year Girls, Mrs. V. L. Treva-than, Teacher. Southside, 11 Year Boys, Mr. W. T. Dukes, Teacher. Brookhaven, First, Truth Seekers, Mrs. Willie H. Smith, Teacher; Shining Lights, Mrs. W. J. Stamps, Jr., Teacher; 10 Year Boys, Mr. Howard Phillips, Teacher, and 9 Year Boys, Mr. Albert R. Leggett, Teacher.

BEGINNER: Meridian, First, Mrs. R. F. Cross, superintendent.

PRIMARY CLASS: Pelahatchie, Mrs. M. M. Cooper, teacher.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young
Called and Accepted:
Bob Price, Southside, Alexandria, La. from Plainview, Bogalusa, La.
M. D. Moses, New Hopewell, Center Point, La. from First, Center Point, La.

James E. West, Jr., Forestville, Wake Forest, N. C. from around Lynchburg, Va.

W. W. Finlater, Pullen Memorial, Raleigh, N. C. from Elizabeth City, N. C.

J. W. Bishop, East Park, Greenville, S. C. from Oak Grove.

O. C. Robinson, Jr., Superintendent of Missions, Pulaski Association, Ark., from mission worker, Dallas, Texas.

H. L. De Vaney, Pawnee, Texas from Honey Island, Texas.

Newton V. Cole, Bellevue, Colorado Springs, Colo. from Whitewright, Texas.

Arthur Howard, Summer Grove, La. from Nacogdoches.

Gene Turner, Orinda, Tenn., from Morgan Mills, Texas.

T. H. Harmonson, Toledo, Oregon, from Clarendon, Texas.

Fred W. King, Heights Temple, Texas, from Three Rivers, Texas.

Monroe Palmer, First, Jasper, Ark.

L. B. Moss, Junction, Texas from Wolfforth, Texas.

G. L. Purser, Bethel Rolls, Texas from Lorenzo, Texas.

Bill Childress, Presidio, Texas from Leland, Texas.

Nell V. Guice, Turner St., Waco, Texas from Vassar, Texas.

Joe Serrett, Lockett, Texas from Mayfield, Texas.

Harry Pennell, Harris Memorial, Austin, Texas from San Antonio.

Claude Gordon, Emmanuel, Tyler from Cartwright, Texas.

—BR—
Religion is neither a winter resort nor a last resort.
—BR—
Prayers from the lowest depths ascend the highest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

August 19, 1956	
Amory, First	351 103
Amory, First	360 78
Angulla	74 40
Bay St. Louis, First	163 44
Booneville, First	327 124
Brookhaven, Central	136 102
Brookhaven, First	777 203
Main	668 142
Southway	65 33
Halbert Heights	44 28
Bruce, First	372 114
Mission	48
Byram	230 147
Calvary (Aleorn)	116 80
Canton	
Center Terrace	223 136
Center Hill (Desoto)	44
Clarksdale	410 110
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	516 123
Clear Branch (Rankin)	112 57
Cleveland, Immanuel	173 112
Collins	147 83
Columbia, First	623 214
Main	611
Columbia Training School	12
Columbus, First	857 283
Main	745 234
Fairview	112 49
Concord (Choctaw)	68 52
Crowder	182 123
Crystal Springs, First	740 252
Fair River (Lincoln)	85 62
Fellowship (Choctaw)	96 56
Flowood	111 70
Forest	371 78
Furrs (Pontotoc)	123 76
Glenfield (Union)	86 49
Gray's Creek (Desoto)	46 35
Grenada, Emmanuel	247 98
Gulfport, First	819 246
Hattiesburg, First	567 183
Hattiesburg, Main St.	906 359
Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	206 106
Hernando	200 73
Ita Bena, First	211 87
Jackson	
Alta Woods	497 209
Broadmoor	470 201
Calvary	1329 399
Main	1287 372
Mission	42 27
Crestwood	653 346
Daniel Memorial	729 300
First	1137 352
Hillcrest	242 125
Ridgecrest	416 171
Southside	192 130
West	310 143
Kosciusko, First	743 189
Main	709
Maple Mission	34

Laurel, First	516 124
Laurel, Wildwood	232 83
Long Beach, First	222 92
Longview (Oktibbeha)	97 87
Lucedale	393 175
Meridian	
First	785 171
41st Avenue	357 91
Emmanuel	56 29
15th Avenue	573 252
Highland	533 208
Oak Grove	114 48
Key Field	114 54
Oakland Heights	278 107
State Boulevard	263 94
South Side	428 171
Poplar Springs Dr.	447 143
Eastview	156 95
Grandview Chapel	26 21
8th Avenue	189 88
Moak's Creek (Lincoln)	143 54
Morton, First	332 212
First	279 148
Mission	53 64
Mountain Creek (Rankin)	76 56
Murphy Creek (Winston)	199 119
New Albany, First	686 169
Main	613 135
Northside Mission	73 34
New Sight (Lincoln)	123 62
Newton, First	398 145
Pascagoula, First	614 212
Pearl (Rankin)	145 101
Petal-Harvey	354 174
Main	319 142
Harvey Mission	35 32
Picayune, First	569 151
Pocahontas	42
Furva, First	268 75
Raworth (Scott)	25 50
Richland (Rankin)	265 114
Ripley, First	348 154
Ruth	93 63
Salem (Covington)	199 140
Soso, First	170 103
Starkville, First	592 187
Union, First	425 162
Valley Grove (Pontotoc)	73
Wade	85 58
Winston	70 49
August 12, 1956	
Angulla	63 32
Bethlehem (Jones)	223 179
Bruce	346 117
Mission	48
Cleveland, First	445 93
Main	359
Chinese Mission	56
Collins	171 91
Macedonia (Lincoln)	229 105
Meridian, 8th Ave.	194 85
Ripley, First	359 160
Tupelo, Harrisburg	620 262

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MISS ALMARINE BROWN, Jackson
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Young People's Secretary—MISS NELL TAYLOR

AIMS FOR ADVANCEMENT



This year Woman's Missionary Union launches the AIMS FOR ADVANCEMENT to replace the Standards of Excellence which with periodic revisions have been a part of organizational plans since 1911.

To appreciate this new approach it is important to understand the following principles upon which the plans are based:

1. Emphasis on spiritual development
2. A flexible pattern of work permitting certain options in attainment and eliminating rigid requirements.
3. An upward gradation of advancement with corresponding recognition
4. A definite, tangible program of work applicable to organizations of varying sizes and possibilities.

The full statement of these aims will be given next week.

West Ellisville Dedicates New Auditorium



West Ellisville will hold dedication exercises in their new Auditorium at the 11 o'clock services, August 26. The corner stone will be laid at 11:45 a. m., with W. P. Shafter, Building Superintendent, in charge of this service.

At 2:00 p. m. there will be a special service and inspirational message by a guest speaker. The new auditorium has a seating capacity of 531 and is constructed of brick and builder's tile. It is finished with white plaster inside, and the furniture and pews of natural oak.

"Before I started my world tour, friends tried to describe various countries as pro-American, anti-American, etc. But I found a friendly smile, a warm handshake, and a word of kindness meant the same in any language or nation. I didn't find it difficult to make friends with any group where I followed this practice." — Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

—BR—

Shall I grudge to spend my life for Him who did not grudge to shed His life-blood for me? —Beveridge

These are the State Winners who had a perfect score: Mary Jane Diffenderfer, Sattaria; Patsy Langley, Sattaria; Donald Martin, Jr., Sattaria; Bobby Jean Murphy, Leland; Frances Paynes, Sallis; Joyce Braswell, Calvary, Greenville; Gwen Kemp, Immanuel, Cleveland; Donnie Kirk, Immanuel, Cleveland; Patsy Taylor, Emmanuel, Grenada; Earl Tharp, Leland; Edna Doris Cosart, Rebecca Ann Davis, Lula; Linda Rose Simpson, Macedonia, (Calhoun Assn.); Faye Busby, First, Oxford; Phil Hooker, First, West Point; Bonnie Goode, First Houston; Mildred Helen Shepherd, First, Houston; Lila Ann Smith, First, Oxford; Mamie Ruth Blakeney, Main Street; Jean Deaking, Coldwater; Clea Dukes, White Oak, (Smith Assn.); Jimmy Gibson, White Oak, (Smith Assn.); Diana Hays, First, Jackson; Lynn Houston, Coldwater; Lindrieth Jones, Mt. Pisgah; Martha Toy Mabry, Taylorsville; Glenda Moore, Coldwater; Rhonda Payne, Coldwater; Betsy Ross, Hillcrest; Nancy Senseman, First, Jackson; Lynn Spencer, Main St.; Martha R. Stovall, First, Jackson; B. T. Strum, Beacon Street; Reba Ball, Newton; Lynn Alexander, East Columbia; Mona Dillon, Tylertown; Frenchie Gullidge, Tylertown; Carolyn Holmes, Tylertown; Betty Jean Morgan, Tylertown; Pearl Wood, Woodville; Sylvia Fenn, Central, McComb; Eugene Ham, Cranfield; Linda Nannery, Oak Grove, (Mississippi Assn.); Linda Rhodes, First, Gulfport; Mattie Lou Rogers, Salem, (Covington Assn.); Carolyn Ann Sims, Cranfield; Virginia Anne Smith, East Fork, (Mississippi Assn.); Jan Stephens, Galliee, (Mississippi Assn.); Wayne Stokes, Galliee; Barbara Sutton, Mendenhall.

Adams And Denny Visit Spain

MADRID, Spain (BP)—Now on a six-week, around-the-world official visit with Baptists in other lands, Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary for youth for the Alliance, bring a first-hand report of their attempt on behalf of religious freedom in Spain.

The Alliance officials were invited to the office of a representative of the Spanish Government, where several issues of vital importance to Baptists in Spain were discussed. Adams and Denny took the opportunity to express their concern over the closing of the Protestant Seminary located in that country, and to request that Baptist churches in Spain be reopened. They requested adoption of a uniform policy regarding marriages and funerals of Baptists in Spain. Finally came their request that there be someone in the Spanish government to whom Baptists could turn in difficulty to avoid delay. The fact that Mr. Barrandica, the representative with whom they talked, offered his services in this area is encouraging.

"M" Night Records Broken Last Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — A suggested program for "M" Night, which is set for December 3, 1956, has been announced by R. Maines Rawls, director of associational work, Baptist Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board. It will be presented in detail in the fourth quarter issue of the Associational Bulletin of the Training Union Department.

The 1,059 associations which observed "M" Night last year had a total attendance of 383,848. This represents the largest increase in the history of "M" Night.

Congressional Committee Asked To Study Indecent Literature

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — A resolution to create a select Congressional committee to study the extent to which pornographic literature is available in the United States and its overseas military outposts was introduced in the House by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R-Calif.).

The resolution, which Mr. Hillings stated he submitted in answer to "a number of complaints," would direct the special committee to investigate the extent to which pornographic materials are sold to members of the armed forces, particularly at overseas stations.

In addition, a five-man group to be appointed by the speaker of the House, would be directed to determine the amount of pornographic material sent through the mails of the United States, and the extent of pornographic literature that is coming into the United States from foreign countries.

"All you have to do is pick up copies of some magazines from the corner newsstand to get an idea of the pornographic material that is distributed freely in America," Mr. Hillings said.

Although the resolution was introduced shortly before the adjournment of Congress, too late for consideration this year, the California Congressman said that he hoped that having the resolution on the Congressional calendar will stimulate the legislators to make a "frontal attack" on indecent literature at the next session of congress which meets in January.



Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye. —(St. Matthew 7:5)

Be content with what you have, but never with what you are. —W. B. Millard

INSTRUCTIONS

To solve the puzzles, fill in the missing words in the Scripture clues. Under each letter of these words you will find a number. Write each letter in the square in the diagram which contains the same number as the letter. When you have written all the letters in their proper places, you will be able to read a memory verse of Scripture. (Answers may be found on another page.)

The Scripture references are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38

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JOSHUA'S DECISION

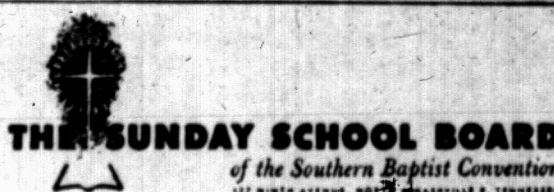
- Number Four
1. He sent the people away into their tents, glad and ——— in heart. ——— (II Chron. 7:10)
14 34 8 37 15
 2. And thou shalt not only ——— yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord. ——— (I Sam. 20:14)
23 16 24 35 10
 3. But none of these things ——— me. ——— (Acts 20:24)
9 36 30 20
 4. Every man that eateth the ——— grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. ——— (Jer. 31:30)
19 7 2 29
 5. Behold, my ——— is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. ——— (25 4 12 38)
 6. It will be ——— weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. ——— (6 17 18 26)
(Matt. 16:3)
 7. And the king said unto them, What seemeth you ——— I will do. (II Sam. 18:4)
1 28 5 32
 8. Thou shalt spread abroad to the ———, and to the east. ——— (Gen. 28:14)
21 31 27 3
 9. Each one was an ——— of the house of their fathers. ——— (Josh. 22:14)
33 22 11 13

NEW YEAR'S DAY ALMOST HERE!

Many Baptists will send their Jewish friends New Year's cards on September 6, 1956—or 5717 on the Jewish calendar, according to William Mitchell, superintendent of Jewish work for the Home Mission Board.

Mitchell has encouraged Baptists to participate in this friendly gesture. He noted that Jewish New Year cards may be purchased at most good card shops.

Mitchell further pointed out that Baptists will have a New Year soon after the Jewish holiday. Baptists can invite their Jewish neighbors to attend the "Baptist New Year celebrations" when promotion day in Sunday school and Training Union comes September 30, 1956. Promotion day marks the beginning of the new year in these organizations.



Dr. Harry L. Spencer
P. O. Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Spencer:

During inflationary periods like the present, it is easy to conclude that no more depressions are possible. A brief glance at history, however, will convince us that periods of depression in the world's economy are regular in occurrence. They can be detrimental in effect. Furthermore, we see that some of our very strongest institutions of the past have been even swept out of existence by such periods of acute economic adversity. In the light of the past, one of the major needs of our Baptist institutions today is for sounder economic stability. Such can be provided adequately through bequests and endowments alone.

To counteract the disastrous effects of such a general depression, and to increase the security of our schools, colleges, and other Baptist institutions which operate with endowments, more money should be set aside now. When the harder years come, that money can actually decrease the difference between life and death for much of our Baptist institutional life.

Believing with all of my heart in the important place of our institutions, I am exceedingly anxious that they be as secure as good judgment, clear thought, and sacrificial giving can make them.

The Baptist Foundations are instruments of our denomination for enlarging necessary security. Let me thank you for your readiness to serve God in such a vital way. As you lead others to invest financially in Baptist institutions, you not only serve God but also those who are led to give.

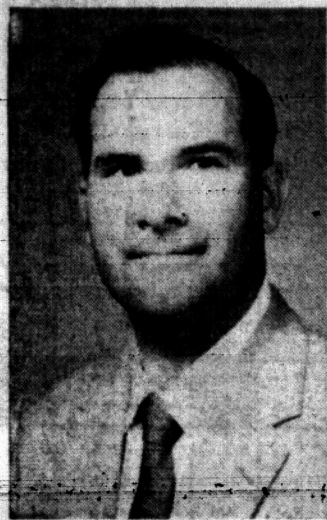
In this time when all too many people are mortgaging the future for the present, I rejoice that our Baptist Foundations are serving the present in order to make the future more secure.

God bless you in your worthy work.

James L. Sullivan



Oak Grove Church Announces Revival



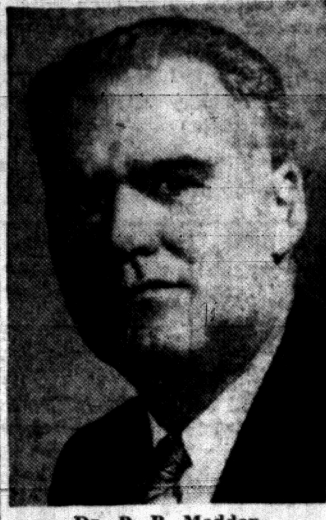
Rev. A. H. Thorpe

Oak Grove Church Lauderdale County, will hold revival services August 26-September 2, with services at 7:15 AM, 10:15 AM, and 7:30 PM daily. The pastor, Rev. A. H. Thorpe, will do the preaching. Bobby Jones, Music Director, will lead the singing.

Rev. A. H. Thorpe of Mooringsport, La. was called to Oak Grove Church on July 10. He is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. A graduate of Howard College and New Orleans Seminary, he is married and has three children, two sons and one daughter.

During his four and one-half years at Mooringsport he served as Moderator of the Association, as Camp Director, as a member of the State Executive Board, as Vice-president of the District Convention. During his pastorate a new educational building was constructed.

Yellow Leaf Church Holding Revival



Dr. B. P. Maddox

Dr. Brougner P. Maddox, associate professor of Bible at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, is the evangelist for the revival being held August 19-24 at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. at Yellow Leaf Church in Lafayette County. Rev. Talmadge Pannell is the pastor.

Dr. Maddox, who has served as pastor in California, Kentucky and New Mexico, has traveled extensively in the United States and Europe.

Dr. Maddox joined the Wayland College staff in 1953 and has been a popular teacher and lecturer on and off campus. He holds the B. A. degree from Redlands University in California. He earned the B. D., Th. M. and Th. D. degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

—BR—
A Christianity without the Cross is a miserable counterfeit.

Spring Hill Church Announces Revival



Rev. Barney Walker, Sr.

Rev. Barney Walker, Sr., is the evangelist for the summer revival at the Spring Hill Church, Tallahatchie Association, August 26-September 1. Services are scheduled for 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. during the week.

Rev. Joe S. Johnson, the pastor, will direct the music.

Mr. Walker, pastor at the Tunica Church, Riverside Association, for the last 5½ years, has recently re-entered full-time evangelistic work. He resides at 730 South Prentiss Street, Jackson.

At the church the remodeling program on the auditorium is nearing completion.

Broadmoor, Gulfport Plans Youth Revival



Rev. Robert McClendon

Rev. Robert McClendon, studying at New Orleans Seminary, will be the evangelist for the Youth-Led Revival at Broadmoor Church, Gulfport. Services will be held nightly at 7:30. August 26-31, with two services on Sundays.

Stephen Cho, from Korea, studying music at the New Orleans Seminary, will lead the music. Stephen was studying opera in his native land when the Lord called him to Christian service as minister of music.

Bill Lay, Youth Pastor, will conduct the Morning Watch Hour. Mr. McClendon will conduct Seminar and Fellowship hours after each service for the young people.

Churches Of Christ Advertising Nets 25,000 Inquiries

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—More than 25,000 inquiries about the Churches of Christ have been received here by Gospel Press since it was formed last November to conduct a national advertising campaign for the denomination.

The inquiries have come from every state in the Union and from some 30 foreign countries, according to Alan Bryan, president of the organization.

They were prompted by ads placed in such nationally and internationally circulated periodicals as Coronet, Atlantic Monthly and Harpers.

"One of the most encouraging features of the work has been the fact that more than 2,000 persons now are enrolled in a Bible correspondence course," Mr. Bryan said. "Few of these had had any previous contact with the Churches of Christ."

Although unified in aims, doctrine and practices, the Churches of Christ do not hold to any form of government above the local church level. As a result, there has been no agency to publicize the denomination as a whole. To counteract this deficiency, Gospel Press was formed as a cooperative agency by individual members of congregations in the South and Southwest.

The Churches of Christ are a conservative body that broke away from the Disciples of Christ in 1906. The denomination has a membership of more than 1,600,000 in 16,500 churches, mostly in the South and Southwest.

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"A decade ago efforts to organize Baptist work in the Great Lakes area were sporadic and occasional. But what began with isolated efforts here and there has grown into a movement of its own. In our state we noticed first the organization of one church a month, then one twice a month, and now it is one a week. It would be impossible to appraise the good that would come from the establishment of a Southern Baptist seminary close to the concentration of population in the Chicago area." — Noel M. Taylor.

Three men died on Calvary: Do not die in sin. Die to it by one for sin, one in sin, and one to sin. These three propositions cover the whole human race. —George Guille

Anguilla Completes Pastorium



The Anguilla Church has just completed its building program of a new pastorium. The pastoring and his family moved into the new home July 3 and the church observed the formal opening July 15.

The house covers an area of 1800 square feet and is valued at \$18,000. The home has three bedrooms and two baths. The house is equipped with indirect

lighting, centralized heating and is completely air-conditioned.

Those serving on the Building Committee were: Carl Dunaway, A. Y. Keith, Frank Keith, Fred Green, Sr., Mrs. M. C. Ewing, Jr., Mrs. Bill Thomason, Jr.

Rev. Roy D. Raddin is pastor of the church. He has been there one year and came to Anguilla from Willowgrove Church in Covington County.

LEGISLATION TO BAR LIQUOR ADVERTISING DEFEATED EMPHASIZE TOTAL ABSTINENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Legislation to bar liquor and beer advertising from radio, television and magazines was again defeated in Congress.

Neither the House nor Senate Committees on Interstate Commerce, which held public hearings on the proposals, reported the legislation to the floor before adjournment. Thus the measure died in committee, the same fate that the legisla-

tion suffered in the Republican controlled 83rd Congress two years ago.

Temperance leaders said they were encouraged, however, by the fact that a much larger number of petitions reached Congress this year from religious and temperance organizations throughout the country, particularly objecting to "beercasting" on radio and television. They said they would

70% OF PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN TO STUDY INDECENT LITERATURE

CHICAGO — (RNS)—Seventy per cent of the nation's Protestant ministers emphasize total abstinence rather than moderation in the use of beverage alcohol, according to a Temperance Education Inc. survey.

Herbert H. Parish, the agency's national executive, said the poll covered a scientific sampling of 1,470 ministers of 21 denominations and all areas of the country.

Ninety per cent of the ministers who responded to the

questionnaire said they preached at least once a year on the use of beverage alcohol, Mr. Parish said.

"Only six ministers specifically said they preached moderation, while eight said both moderation and abstinence," he reported.

More than 95 per cent of the respondents who preached against drinking of any alcoholic beverages said their congregations favored the emphasis on total abstinence.

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An overfed body may conceal an underfed soul.

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A heartfelt Christian is just half a Christian.

Off The Record

A couple of secretaries were comparing notes on their respective bosses. "Well," commented one, "my boss' dictation isn't too bad—but you have to take a lot for granted."

Hear about the two whales who met in the sands of the desert? Said one to the other, "Long time no sea!"

"The only boss who ever got all his work done by Friday was Robinson Crusoe." — Art Moger.

In January, when Johnny brought his report card home, his merchant father was perturbed by the low grades.

"Johnny, what's wrong?"

"Dad, you know how it is," said Johnny. "They always mark things down after the holidays."

After a Junior High School class toured the White House, the teacher asked each student to write impressions of the visit. One boy wrote: "I was especially glad to have this opportunity to visit my future home." —Ex.

Dieter (eyeing the desserts): "I would love to have a piece of that cake but I have to watch my waistline."

Companion (eyeing the Dieter): "How lucky you are to have it right out where you can."

Doctor: "There's really no reason to worry about that habit of talking to yourself." Patient: "But doctor, I'm talking out of things to say."

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Prayer is the connecting link between this life and that which is soon to be.

Caudill Reports From Stalingrad

Stalingrad, Russia, July 3, 1956

All who visit Russia should see Stalingrad. Here some of the bloodiest fighting of the war took place. Here the Germans hurled their armed might against the strategic city in their supreme effort to conquer it, but they failed. The Soviet 62nd Army under command of General Chukov refused to yield against terrific odds, although the city was already reduced to rubble. Result—147,000 dead soldiers and officers of the German forces were picked up and buried, along with the 46,000 of the Soviet forces after the truce.

There had been no time to care for the dead during the last bitter days of the struggle. How many more died during the six-month-long duel that began on July 17, 1942, and ended on February 2, 1943, only God knows.

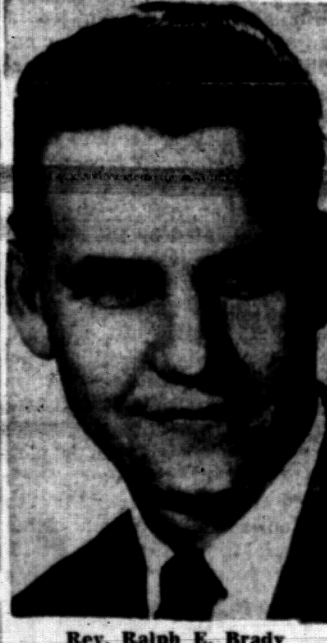
I stood for awhile on Mamaev Hill, highest point of the chief sector of the fighting, with bowed head, and thought of the heroism of the brave defenders who lay all about me in mass graves. Below, and stretching up and down the east bank of the Volga River for a full "60" kilometers, was a new city, built upon the ruins of the Stalingrad that saw not a single building standing whole at the close of the war.

There I visited a steel plant and watched her 15 fiery ovens of 1700 degrees C spout liquid steel into chubbly molds for use in Russia's giant industries. There I visited one of the 179 Nurseries, and Kindergartens for Stalingrad's workers' children.

The rapid manner in which the city has been rebuilt is just another tribute to the heroism of her valorous people, and inspiring tribute to the memory of those who died in her behalf.

One of the memorable experiences of the visit was a boat ride down the stout waters of the Volga, and up the newly constructed canal that links the Volga with the Don Rivers by means of a series of thirteen huge locks. But this did not compare with the thrill that came as I gathered for worship with

E. PHILADELPHIA CALLS PASTOR; TO BEGIN REVIVAL



Rev. Ralph E. Brady

The East Philadelphia Church has called as their pastor Rev. Ralph E. Brady.

Mr. Brady is a graduate of Clarke College and is now a senior at Mississippi College. He has served as Choir Director at the State Boulevard Church, Meridian, and as pastor of the Daleville Church. He is married and the father of three boys.

A revival will be held at East Philadelphia August 27-September 2, with Rev. James N. Chambers, pastor of the Sand Ridge and Line Creek Churches in Scott County, as the evangelist. The new pastor will bring special messages in song.

Services will be held twice daily.

a tiny band of believers out in a modest home that had been converted into a church building. Here again the house was packed to fullest capacity; two old women stood for the full two hour service on the outer ledge of the west wall, looking in through the open window. There was no other place to stand.

The seriousness of the worshippers, and their evident desire to experience divine en-

Hico Pastor Tries To Save Town

HICO, Tex. — (BP) — Hico is like the west Texas towns around it. If the community prospers, the churches prosper. If the community dies, the churches die.

Hico has a problem. Its young people have been moving away. First Baptist Church, for instance, has only 42 prospects less than 39 years old but there are 250 prospects over 40. Most of the residents are between 50 and 60 years old.

No one realizes this more than Pastor Joe B. Taylor. One of the main things he's trying to do now is to stop the migration by creating better jobs and better living conditions.

That's why he and Richard A. Herrington, Jr., owner of a grocery and meat market, are in the broiler business. They feel that the fat, young chickens from Hico will sell well in neighboring communities.

Pastor Began Business

The pastor himself started the broiler business about five years ago. Eight of the town's families now receive all or part of their income from the industry.

There's another point to consider about the broiler business. It can be duplicated in other lines of work in a community short on industry to bolster incomes.

The pastor's sister raises pullets. Other townfolk sell eggs. One man is thinking about raising domestic rabbits for the Army at Fort Hood, Tex.

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What is the matter with the church? Look in the mirror.

counter their joyous singing their fervent prayers, their rapt attention to every word spoken—cast a sort of spell over me. I felt then, and I feel now, that I was perhaps as close to the mood of first century Christianity as I have ever been.

I knew also that I had looked in upon and felt the verve of one of the obscure spiritual cells in Russia that will one day proliferate . . . unto His glory!

Radio-Tv Workshop To Be At Ridgecrest

Here's the chance you've been waiting for!!! An opportunity to see on the screen that terrific idea for a television program you've been creating in your mind . . .

The second "work" shop of the summer will be conducted by the Radio-Television Commission at Ridgecrest August 23 through August 29. The first three days are for private conferences with workshop members who have production problems in radio or television.

But the following three days will be spent in actually producing a radio or television program which can be sponsored by a church, an association, or an individual in one's own local community situation.

A closed circuit television system has been obtained for use at this workshop and tape recorders will be set up in the classroom in an effort to achieve realism in both the television and radio productions of the workshop members.

Faculty for the Ridgecrest workshop, in addition to the Rev. Theodore Lott, workshop director, will be Dr. Charles McGon, Louisville, Ky., professor of speech at Southern Seminary; Luther Adkins, Fort Worth, coordinator of religious programming for Station WBAP-TV; Ken Yarbrough, Fort Worth, technical engineer for the Commission; and Dr. Vernon Richardson, Baltimore, Md., pastor of University Baptist Church and a member of the Commission.

Students In Swap Texas, Israel Homes

LONGVIEW, Tex. — (BP) — Baptist students from Longview, Tex., and the State of Texas are engaged in "Operation Home Switch" for a year.

Harold Lansford, of Longview, studying for a bachelor of divinity degree, will go to Nazareth, Israel, to live with the family of another student, Ghazi Sakran.

Sakran, studying at Baylor University, will stay with Lansford's parents while waiting for school to resume session at Waco.



Shown above are a group who attended the Vacation Bible School at the Arm Church in Lawrence County. The enrollment was 80, with an average attendance of 65. There were 41 perfect in attendance, and mission offering amounted to \$9.53. Thomas Thurman, a student at New Orleans Seminary, was superintendent. Rev. Percy Wheat is pastor.

Petal, First Announces Revival



Rev. Dan Holcomb

Rev. Dan Holcomb will be the revival speaker for the First Church, Petal Aug. 26-Sept. 2, and the Harvesters Quartet of Greenville, S. C. who will be in charge of the music.

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Week Day services will be at 9:30 AM and 7:30 PM.

Sunday, Aug. 26, is Homecoming, with dinner served at the church, and a special afternoon service. The pastor is Rev. W. A. Richardson.

New Haven Church Schedules Revival



Rev. Geo. A. Nichols

Rev. George N. Nichols will be the evangelist in the revival to begin at the New Haven Church, Hinds Association, on August 26.

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Dewey Lane will be the song leader. Mr. Nichols is now pastor at the Wesson Church.

Rev. Wiley Reid, student at Mississippi College, is pastor.

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Difficulties strengthen the mind as labor does the body. —Seneca